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DE BOS DAM OVERFLOWS

On 20 October the De Bos-dam reached the 100% level of its capacity for the first time in three years and for weeks afterwards there was a continuous overflow. This brought great relief for water provisioning in Greater Hermanus, which was under great pressure for almost two years because of drought conditions in the catchment area of the Onrus River. Residents co-operated excellently by reducing their water consumption with 20 per cent down to the 2005 levels. The development of wellfields also played a part especially towards the end when four boreholes in the Gateway Wellfield were in full production. Another 7 new production boreholes will be added soon. A new biological purification plant is currently under construction to remove iron and manganese from the borehole water. The combined production of all the wellfields will be more or less equal to the De Bos Dam's delivery. The next option will be to recycle waste water up to the level of potable water and the planning of a plant is well advanced. However, residents and visitors must keep in mind that the Western Cape is regarded as a water scarce area and water should always be used sparingly. Irrigation of gardens, for example, is not allowed between 09:00 and 17:00 to prevent unnecessary losses because of evaporation.

A WISH FOR A TRULY CARING COMMUNITY

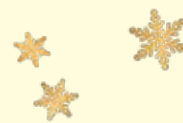
May we all enjoy a joyous and blessed Christmas time.

This is a time to show goodwill towards one another. This is a time to enjoy quality time with those near and dear to us. This is also the time to embody the message of the Messiah who brought light to a world filled with darkness. And the good news is, bestowing this gift of light on our fellow citizens will not cost a cent, neither will it involve a last-minute dash to a busy shopping mall!

To help rid the world of criminality, fear, injustice and self-serving pride, all we need to do is to adhere to the core moral values underpinning civilized society. It's as simple as being trustworthy and responsible in all we do, showing respect and being just in our dealings with one another. My wish is for a truly caring community in which good citizenship is a matter of course, not a chore.

Peace to all!

Nicolette Botha-Guthrie
EXECUTIVE MAYOR



INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

A PLAN FOR THE LONGER TERM

The Integrated Development Framework (IDF) that is currently being compiled for Overstrand Municipality will not only transform the current policy framework but will also address the absence of long term forward planning.

At a special OMAF meeting on 31 October 2012, Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie said that the key question to be answered is in what sort of environment we would like to live in 30 to 40 years from now and how we are going to achieve that.

The IDF will provide guidance to the private and public sectors on the agreed long term strategic development direction and once it is adopted, all significant development proposals will be assessed against the IDF.

The IDF will be user friendly and will include a Human Settlement Plan and an Environmental Manage-

ment Framework.

Under the leadership of Mr Paul Olden a team of experts from Urban Dynamics Western Cape is currently gathering input to identify the key challenges or threats for the integrated development framework.

Paul says that the major challenge will be to find the balance between development and conservation. Overstrand's economy and ecology are inseparable and the natural environment is its biggest single economic asset.

However, there are geographically concentrated high poverty areas and unemployment is high amongst the unskilled and semi-skilled (seasonal) workers.

He said there is a need for a more 'regional approach' to economic diversification.

Mr Olden said the IDF will contribute to transforming the current policy framework into one that is

integrated, coherent, strategic and user friendly. It will address key challenges re the Overstrand's urban, rural and natural environments.

They will compile a strategic user friendly summary document that integrates and references all municipal plans, strategies and programmes related to the Overstrand's long term integrated spatial vision and policies. Their product must ensure that the 5 year IDP budgetary planning is aligned with the 30-40 year integrated spatial vision.

The second phase of the project will culminate in another public workshop in June of 2013.

Inputs can be directed per e-mail to wilhelm@udwc.co.za and should relate to key challenges with regard to Our People, Our Economy, Our Natural Environment, Our Rural and Urban Environments and Our Infrastructure and Facilities

A YEAR-ROUND HOLIDAY DESTINATION



From the desk of the OTAC Chairman - Craig Holmes

As you may previously have read, a new tourism advisory body has been formed which will be known as the Overstrand Tourism Advisory Committee (OTAC). OTAC's role is to advise Council on best practices to drive our Overstrand tourism strategy forward and to get this magnificent area transformed into a year-round holiday destination.

The OTAC members have made two inspection tours of the area in recent weeks and have become fully conversant with the remarkable array of natural beauty, the wide range of facilities and the infrastructure in place to support our tourism endeavours in the area.

We have held several meetings and excellent discussions with subjects ranging from website marketing, the role of tourism bureaux and the impact of festivals and events. Budgets have been examined to see how funds are allocated all with an eye to ensuring that we get maximum bang for our buck on what we spend encouraging tourism to the

Overstrand. We are also investigating how we can get an even larger slice of the cake of tourists to visit our area - both from the local market and those from abroad.

Our Whale Coast has so much to offer that we as proud Overstrand residents should be welcoming our holidaymakers to experience what the area has to offer. Don't forget to show them our wine routes, Blue flag beaches, our unique Cape floral kingdom, rewarding hiking trails, golf courses, fine restaurants and coffee shops, cage diving and bird watching, abseiling opportunities and river cruises - does it ever end??

The next year is going to be a challenge for us on the committee but we are all dedicated and hell bent on getting the Overstrand to be a year-round holiday venue of choice - one where the residents however big or small welcome everyone to our area and welcome the opportunity to share and enjoy this little wonderland.

We will regularly be updating you - the residents of the Overstrand - of our successes to fulfil the dreams we have.

Blue Flag South Africa launched its 12th season of this successful beach certification programme at an official event held at Grotto Beach in Hermanus, Western Cape, on 11 October 2012. Grotto was one of the 36 beaches and 4 marinas that received Blue Flag status. It was the 11th consecutive time the Blue Flag was awarded to the Grotto, making it the beach with the longest uninterrupted Blue Flag association in South Africa. Other local achievers were Kleinmond Beach and Hawston Beach. Whale-watching boats have been introduced into the programme and two local boats, Whale Whisperer (Dyer Island Conservation Trust, Gansbaai) and Miroshka (Southern Right Charters, Hermanus), may be awarded Blue Flag status soon by complying with the Blue Flag for Whale-watching Boat's Environmental Code of Conduct. Hoisting the Blue Flag here is the Minister of Tourism, Martinus van Schalkwyk, Acting Mayor of the Overstrand Municipality, Alderman Pieter Scholtz, with the assistance of the Blue Flag Programme Director, Malcolm Powell, and Morgan Griffiths, officer of Blue Flag South Africa.



INFORM VISITORS ABOUT WASTE MANAGEMENT

Owners of holiday houses that are rented out, must ensure that their tenants know about the days of refuse removal and how our recycling systems works.

The recycling procedure is as follows:

- The Municipality supplies clear bags to residents in which all recycling materials - paper, carton, tins, glass and plastic - are placed.
- On the day of refuse collection the clear bag is placed out with the black bags.
- Every time residents put out a clear bag, they will receive another one from the Municipality for the next week's recycling. Residents are called upon to make sure that all recycling material is placed in the clear bag. Without the public's co-operation the programme can't succeed.

Residents must find out where drop-off facilities are situated for garden refuse and other forms of refuse in their areas. Overstrand Municipality is doing its best to make it possible for residents to get rid of their refuse, but illegal dumping still occurs.

The days for refuse removal in the different areas are as follows:

ADMINISTRATION	AREA	COLLECTION DAY
Kleinmond	Kleinmond, Betty's Bay, Pringle Bay and Rooi-els	Monday
Hermanus	Vermont, Fisherhaven, Hawston	Monday
	Onrus, Chanteclair, Berghof, Sandbaai, Hemel-en-Aarde	Tuesday
	Zwelihle, Mount Pleasant	Wednesday
	Westcliff, Northcliff and Hermanus Industrial Area	Thursday
	Voëlklip, Eastcliff, Hermanus Heights, Kwaiwater	Friday
Stanford	Stanford	Thursday
Gansbaai	Pearly Beach, Buffeljagsbaai, Eluxolweni	Monday
	De Kelders, Masakhane, Beverly Hills	Tuesday
	Franskraal	Wednesday
	Kleinbaai, Baardskeerdersbos	Thursday
	Gansbaai, Masakhane and Beverley Hills	Friday

Refuse bags may only be put out on the sidewalk on collection day. In problem animal areas the bags must be in problem animal resistant bins.

One 240ℓ wheely bin or 4 black bags may be put out of which only one may contain garden waste. (Please note that sand and stones are not regarded as garden waste and permitted.) Any number of recycling bags may be put out. (Extra bags are available on request.)

Karwyderskraal, the regional landfill site, is still not operational and all the household waste of Overstrand is carted at great cost to the Gansbaai landfill.

We wish you a happy holiday and call upon all residents to deal with their waste responsibly. Wet waste must go into black bags and recycling materials into clear bags. Do not dump rumble in our beautiful natural environment.

MUNICIPAL GEYSER PROJECT NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

The Overstrand Municipality and Eskom's geyser control project currently being implemented in Hermanus, Kleinmond, Gansbaai, Stanford and Hawston to help manage electricity demand during evening peak time, is gaining momentum. We thank residents who have already agreed to support the project. Altogether 2 800 of a total of 6 400 units were installed by the end of October 2012.

The Overstrand Municipality requests residents to join forces with Eskom and the Municipality by supporting the programme aimed at connecting appliance control devices (also called switches or relays) to their geysers. The device switches off the power supply to geysers during times of peak demand between 18:00 and 20:00.

The Overstrand Municipality and Eskom appointed Powertech IST, an Energy Services Company (ESCO), to implement the programme in Hermanus, Kleinmond, Gansbaai, Stanford and Hawston. According to

Mr Gerard van der Merwe, Manager: Utilities, Municipalities and Commercial Business Unit at Powertech IST, qualified installers visit homes in high-consumption areas.

The following procedures are followed:

a) The appliance control device is installed next to the distribution board in the house. Provision is made for the installation of such a device in the Municipality's bylaws.

b) A qualified contractor with an Overstrand Municipality, Eskom and Powertech IST identity card will do the installation. It is free of charge and takes approximately 20 minutes. The power of the house will be switched off before installation and switched on again after the installation is completed.

c) The contractor does not work on the geyser itself and the installation has no effect on electrical equipment and appliances.

More information can be obtained from the call centre on **083 228 0268**.

DELEGATION VISITS KOEBERG

On 30 October 2012 a delegation consisting of councillors and officials visited the Koeberg Nuclear Power Station on a fact finding mission to gain more understanding about the possible impact of such a facility on Overstrand and its residents. The delegation was briefed by a team of Eskom experts who answered all questions outright and also could provide examples of situations.

Issues discussed, included the safety of such installations, emergency procedures and the impact of the facility on the environment and the necessary infrastructure. The delegation was taken on a conducted tour of the facility and the surrounding environment, which covers an area of 3000 ha.

The visit was deemed necessary because one of the sites identified for a possible future nuclear power station is Bantamsklip, which is situated within Overstrand's municipal area.



Junior Council: Front row from left: Bianca de Koning, Faeza Abrahams, Layla Arrison, Executive Member (Curro Hermanus), Abigail Swartz, Executive Member (Hawston), Jacques Hanekom, Executive Member (Kleinmond), Esvory Esterhuizen, Executive Member (Mount Pleasant), Kim Bishop, Junior Deputy Mayor and Executive Member (Stanford), Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie, Marlo Jacobs, Junior Mayor, Theo de Wet, Junior Council Manager, Anethemba Tyobe, Deputy Mayor and Executive Member (Zwelihle), Dillon Arendse, Executive Member (Northcliff House College), Shamima Brett, Executive Member (Gansbaai), Shelldon Breda, Executive Member (Hermanus) and Odwa Qobani; Back row from left: Theminkosi Mcinjana, Lunga Mdunyelwa, Marihé Erasmus, Anli Schroeder, Amy Cupido, Jovân Prince, Chrisam Witbooi, Yolisa Siyotywa, Joudin Rooi, Karel Keyser, Ciara Nel, Jack Swart, Johan Truter, Athena Spanellis, Linden Salies, Siphesihle Liwani, Andisiwe Sonden, Asiphe Kefu, Sandra Muchanyana, Lochel Coetsee and Robyn Myburgh

BUILD OUR FUTURE THROUGH THE YOUTH

The future belongs to our youth. As some of us near the end of our political careers, younger people must take over. They must seek and cherish the most basic condition for peace, namely unity in our diversity, and find lasting ways to that goal.

This quote from former President Nelson Mandela was used by Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie in her message at the inauguration of the ninth Overstrand Junior Council on Monday 29 October in the Overstrand Civic Centre in Hermanus.

She said when she looked at the bright faces on stage and in the front rows of this auditorium, she felt invigorated and enthused by their spirit and love for life. Several of the incoming and outgoing junior council members delivered musical items and short speeches voluntarily during the ceremony.

According to the Mayor the best way to prepare our youth for the future is to promote leadership development. The older generation is not capable of foreseeing everything in future and making plans for that. In times of crises and change the leaders of the moment must step forward, determine the direction, obtain the co-operation of others, motivate and inspire them to do the necessary changes and to find solutions.

Our society's diversity forms part of Overstrand's strategy to prepare the youth for future leadership roles, the Mayor said. She encouraged them to reach over the boundaries of culture, language and race.

They must aspire to build a strong new nation on the sound foundation of

moral values, such as respect, reliability, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship.

It is not an easy road to follow, but the correct way to go if you want to create the necessary peace and co-operation to create a beautiful and prosperous future for our country with its rich diversity.

She expressed her gratitude towards the Enlighten Education Trust for the outstanding partnership with the municipality to execute this task.

Ms Botha-Guthrie applauded the retiring manager of the Junior Council, Mr Theo de Wet, for his contribution over nine years to establish the Overstrand Junior Council as one of the best in the Western Cape.

She undertook to give the necessary support to the members of the junior council to make a success of their opportunity. However, they must remember that the advantage that they will gain will depend on their willingness to make the most of the chance. "I am sure that you are going to do your best," the Mayor said in closing.

The 2012 Junior Council consists of 35 members from six schools and representative of all geographical areas and communities in Overstrand.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE TOUCHED HEARTS

Despite this year's brilliant, sunny weather, the annual Remembrance Day service on Sunday 11 November in Hermanus was a solemn, reflective event as it should be, but the moment that really touched onlookers deeply was when the 92 year old George Dawson shuffled forward together with his son and his walking aid to place a rose at the foot of the monument.

Now residing in Onrus, this grey-bearded Scotsman was captured on 24 September 1940 during the Battle of Dakar and interned for more than two years by the French Vichy forces in West Africa. He was the radio operator/rear gunner on a Fairley Swordfish Mk 1 biplane, which was part of 810 Naval Air Squadron of the Royal Navy. Of the crew of three, he was the sole survivor when it was shot down by shore batteries during an approach to attack warships in Dakar harbour. Mr Dawson was freed in 1942 and relocated to South Africa, where after the war he met and married Hettie Krige from Paarl. They brought up their four sons in Cape Town and retired to the home they built in Onrus.

Mr Harvey Saayman, the Old Bill of the Seagull Shellhole, the local unit of the Memorable Order of the Tin Hats who organised the ceremony, also read an unsigned note which had been left with a vase of poppies at the cenotaph the previous day. The names of "our precious young men who gave their lives for their country" were mentioned in the note and in closing it stated that they are "loved and remembered".

Fifteen organisations and twenty-odd members of the public participated in the wreath-laying ceremony, viz the Overstrand Mayor, Cllr Nicolette Botha-Guthrie, the South African Police, represented by Mr Gordon vd Westhuizen, the Junior Mayor of Overstrand, Col Patrick McLachlan of the Cape Town Highlanders, head boys and girls from Hermanus High School, the Curro Private School, Hawston Primary School and Hermanus Primary School, Mr John van Zyl of the Rhodesian Light Infantry Association, Mr Blair Gibson of the Flame Lily Foundation, the NSRI, Hermanus Old Boys and the Hermanus Sea Scouts.



George Dawson and Mayoress Nicolette Botha-Guthrie

SPORTING GREATS SPREAD ACROSS THE WHOLE OVERSTRAND

The exciting final tournament for the Mayoral Cup in five sport disciplines in Gansbaai on Saturday, 27 October proved that Overstrand's sporting talent is fairly evenly spread across the whole municipal area.

Early Birds of Gansbaai are the men's soccer champions; Siyadlala from Zwelihle the women's soccer champions; Kleinmond walked away with the rugby trophy; Hawston went home with the cricket trophy and Hermanus won the netball!

It was certainly not an easy quest for any one of the champions, because they had to vie with stiff competition as well as a fresh south-easter to succeed!

At the end of the soccer match the score was 1 all between Early Birds and Real Attackers from Zwelihle. After the compulsory penalty shoot-out to establish the winner, the score was still a draw because both teams managed to get their shots into the nets! Only far into the 'sudden death' phase did the very competent goalkeeper of Early Birds manage to save a goal, and the Gansbaai team broke their tension with songs of joy!

Zwelelana Nkosinathi of Early Birds was announced as player of the tournament and Lwado Tshaya was the top goal scorer of the tournament.

On the rugby field Kleinmond cashed in on the strong wind which gave them a 15 - 6 advantage by half-time, but in the second half Hawston fought back with new courage after lagging behind by 27 - 11. Kleinmond eventually triumphed with 27 - 25.

Wessel Arendse was player of the tournament and Gerald October scored the most tries. Both are from Kleinmond.

In the 20/20-format cricket, Hawston seemed to have the upperhand initially and one gained the impression that they would have an easy task chasing the 83 runs after the first few runs came quickly and they only lost 1 wicket. However, Mount Pleasant's bowlers gave them a hard time and eventually Hawston won with only three wickets and 15 balls remaining.

Sergio Maddens of Hawston, who regularly plays English county cricket, was announced man of the match and George Hlazo of Mount Pleasant, the player of the tournament!

In the women's soccer Siyadlala only managed to score a goal towards the end. However, the goalie of Real Pioneers (Gansbaai) impressed the spectators with her heroic efforts to thwart the opposition's goals. Player of the tournament was Sindiswa September and Nwabisa Heke scored the most goals.

The Hermanus netball team totally dominated on the netball court and beat Zwelihle with 32 - 11. One must concede that the team from Zwelihle had only been gathered together the previous day after the Kleinmond team had withdrawn. By the end of the match Zwelihle had managed to gain momentum and Nosidima Poni from their team was announced as the best goalscorer. Jana Sprong of Hermanus was the player of the tournament.

The 10km road race was won by Alfred Tshabeni of Whalers (Hermanus) in a time of 36:05 and Nelson Ngese of Gansbaai, who shadowed him virtually all the way won the silver medal! In the women's section the winner was 14 year-old Jeanne Vermeulen of the Bredasdorp athletics club and Franki Fouché from Gansbaai won the silver medal.

Gansbaai Primér had the most entrants in the fun run who finished the race and Laerskool Gansbaai came second.

Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie was impressed with the good spirit which reigned. The quality of the sport passed all expectations even though the support was sadly lacking.



Early Birds were 2012 Mayoral Cup Soccer Champions



Kleinmond won the 2012 Mayoral Cup



Siyadlala was the 2012 Ladies Soccer Champions



Hawston was the 2012 Cricket Champions



Hermanus was the 2012 Netball Champions

CLOSING OF OFFICES DURING HOLIDAYS

With Christmas and New Year's Day falling during mid-week this coming summer holiday, the closing of offices will be different from other years. Municipal offices will be closed on Monday 24 December 2012 and on Monday 31 December 2012, except for essential services. After Christmas and Family Day the offices will be open for business as normal on Thursday 27 December and Friday 28 December. In the Western Cape 2 January is also a municipal holiday and municipal offices will re-open for the first time in 2013 on Thursday 3 January.