

## BUDGET 2021/2022:

A question of how best to accommodate the pandemic's protracted impact on the economy and livelihoods

During a virtual meeting held on Wednesday, 26 May 2021, the fourth review of Overstrand's five-year Integrated Development Plan served before Council. On the same day, Council also unanimously approved the budget as tabled by Executive Mayor Dudley Coetzee.

In essence, property rates and municipal services will all increase by 4% and electricity by 14.59% for the coming financial year (2021/2022).

At the time of delivering his budget address, Executive Mayor Dudley Coetzee also sought Council's approval of unforeseen and unavoidable expenditure for which no provision was made in the 2020/2021 budget. He ascribed the shortfall to an increased demand for electricity and explained the situation as follows:

"The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic had far-reaching consequences for the country, resulting in an economic, health and humanitarian crisis.

"The negative impact of the temporary closure of businesses and their reduced consumption of water and electricity was considered by the Budget Steering Committee in April 2020.

"The monthly review of revenue and expenditure at the end of April 2021 indicated that revenue and expenditure relating to electricity were on the increase. This can be attributed to increased household occupancy due to an increase of non-permanent residents and a change in the way business is conducted, such as working from home.

"This has resulted in an increased demand for services such as electricity which gave rise to a shortfall in the budget for the purchase of electricity. It is imperative to render this service, and thus additional budget funding is required to partly

service the Eskom accounts for the month of June 2021. This increased bulk purchase of electricity will be fully offset by the increased electricity sales revenue.

"The projected impact is an additional budget requirement for bulk electricity purchases amounting to R32m. The projected additional revenue amounts to R47m.

"This additional expenditure of R32m is above the total allowable limit, which is capped at R15m in terms of the framework for unforeseen and unavoidable expenditure in terms of Section 72(c) of the Municipal Budgeting and Reporting Regulations.

"The balance of R17m will be funded from projected savings identified across all directorates in the form of salary savings of R12m, interest on external loan repayments of R2.5m and savings generated in the Finance Directorate amounting to R2.5m."

Coetzee undertook to explain this state of affairs in full to the provincial Ministers of Finance and of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.

The Mayor thanked the public for their participation and input during the IDP review and budget preparation process and extended a special word of appreciation to Councillors and ward committee members for their contributions.

"My sincere thanks also to the municipal administrative staff for the hours of work that they have put into preparing this budget over many months and, at times, under very challenging conditions," the Mayor concluded.

## KLEINMOND NETBALL COURTS TO BE UPGRADED

Thanks to much needed funding to the tune of R600 000 received from the provincial Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport and a generous provision in the 2021/22 budget for ward-specific projects, all indications are that the surface of the netball courts in Kleinmond and the club/change-room facilities will be upgraded in time for the 2023 Netball World Cup.



Minister Anroux Marais at the ceremonial handover in the company of Cllr Grant Cohen (left), Overstrand's Sports & Recreation Manager Ayanda Stali, Swellendam Mayor Nicholas Myburgh and Brine Nofotyo of Western Cape Provincial Sport Development (Overberg)

During the ceremonial cheque handover, Western Cape Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport Anroux Marais said, "As we safely move forward in the sector, the provisioning and upgrading of key facilities are critical components of sports development in the Western Cape, the greater South Africa and the world at large. Sport facility provisioning and upgrades create an enabling environment for local, district, regional, provincial, national and even international sports events to take place with the aim of developing sporting talent at different levels as we now navigate to and through our new norm in the sector.

"We wholeheartedly thank our valued stakeholders in WP Netball, Netball South Africa and various municipalities for collaboratively assisting us in realising our mission to encourage excellence and inclusiveness in sport through the effective, efficient and sustainable use of our resources. Together, I look forward to promoting accessible participation in sport and recreational activities for all, while optimising on the legacy projects that the 2023 Netball World Cup will afford. In this way, the code of netball can flourish in terms of safe mass participation, skills development and talent identification to perform at higher levels of excellence."

On accepting the "cheque", Ward 9 Councillor, Grant Cohen, acknowledged that securing the funding would not have been possible without the relentless efforts of the Overberg Netball Federation as well as the Kleinmond Netball Club themselves.

This funding forms part of the provincial legacy project that is underway in the Western Cape in preparation for the 2023 World Cup, and work on the existing courts and facilities are set to commence early in the new financial year.

# 2021/22 CAPITAL PROJECTS IN DIFFERENT WARDS

## Overstrand

Information and Communication Technology	3 700 000
Vehicles	5 000 000
Fire & Law Enforcement	1 795 314
CCTV Cameras	333 551
Electricity	7 019 000
Water	32 745 410
Sewerage	18 679 317
Waste Management	1 242 000
Water Facilities Contingency	400 000
Sewerage Facilities Contingency	650 000
Low Cost Housing Services Construction Contracts	52 259 085
Building Control Office Extension & ECD Centre Establishment	1 475 000
Overstrand-Wide Sport Facilities	600 000
Minor Assets	1 600 000

## Multi-Ward Projects

<b>Multi-ward GB Area</b> Franskraal, Kleinbaai, Birkenhead: New 66 11KV Substation	50 400 000
<b>Multi-ward HM Area</b> Upgrade Hermanus Well Fields Phase 2	6 691 709
<b>Multi-ward HM Area</b> Hermanus WWTW Upgrade Screens Ras Sludge Dewatering	3 000 000
<b>Multi-ward HM Area</b> Storm-water Network	1 000 000
<b>Multi-ward HM Area</b> Zwelihe Sewer	449 150
<b>Multi-ward KM Area</b> Kleinmond WWTW Refurbish Upgrade	4 530 080
<b>Multi-ward KM Area</b> Access Roads to Kleinmond Buffels River WTW Upgrade	2 000 000

## Ward 01

<b>Stanford</b> Fence Soccer Rugby Clubhouses	400 000
<b>Stanford</b> Revitalisation of CBD	600 000
<b>Stanford</b> Upgrade of Public Boat Launching Site Ablutions Du Toit Street	100 000
<b>Thembelihle</b> Traffic Calming	50 000
<b>Thembelihle</b> Storm-water AD-HOC	50 000
<b>Stanford</b> Storm-water AD-HOC	50 000
<b>Stanford</b> CCTV Cameras	3 595
<b>Stanford</b> Upgrade Bulk Water	5 615 000

## Ward 02

<b>Gansbaai</b> CBD Sewer Network Extension	7 348 170
<b>Gansbaai</b> Landfill Site Fence	463 000
<b>Gansbaai</b> Raising Gansbaai Fire Station Roof	300 000
<b>Masakhane</b> Construction of Concrete Sitting Pavilion Masakhane Sports Field	100 000
<b>Masakhane</b> Sidewalks	100 000
<b>Gansbaai</b> Sidewalks	100 000
<b>Gansbaai</b> Storm-water	100 000
<b>Masakhane</b> Storm-water AD-HOC	100 000
<b>Masakhane</b> New Roof Masakhane Trading at Taxi Rank	80 000
<b>Gansbaai</b> CCTV Cameras	51 832
<b>Gansbaai</b> CCTV Camera-communal Sports Field Gansbaai	7 772
<b>Masakhane</b> Upgrade Bulk Sewer Supply Area A & B	4 834 000
<b>Masakhane</b> Upgrade Water Lines & New Booster Pumpstation Valves	4 000 000

## Ward 03

<b>Hermanus</b> MV-LV Upgrade / Replacement	4 939 913
<b>Hermanus</b> Fernkloof Nature Reserve Facilities	4 100 000
<b>Hermanus</b> Sport Facility Improvement	1 900 000
<b>Hermanus</b> Greater Hermanus Traffic Dept Removal of Obsolete old roofing & ceiling and replace with new roof & ceiling	1 000 000
<b>Hermanus</b> Welcome Board	756 214
<b>Hermanus</b> Shelter for Communities Taxi Rank	404 148
<b>Hermanus</b> Development of BMX Track Skate Park	100 000
<b>Hermanus</b> Construction of New Cliff Paths	100 000
<b>Voëlklip</b> Drop Off and Mini Drop off Electric Fencing	900 000
<b>Hermanus</b> CCTV Cameras	74 952
<b>Hermanus</b> Traffic Calming	50 000

## Ward 04

<b>Hemel-en-Aarde Valley</b> Building Renovations Farm 585/3	1 420 501
<b>Mount Pleasant</b> Basic Services for Emergency Housing	250 000
<b>Mount Pleasant</b> CCTV Cameras - Mount Pleasant	100 000
<b>Westcliff</b> Viewing Point Upgrade Still Street	100 000
<b>Westcliff</b> Sidewalks	75 000
<b>Mount Pleasant</b> CCTV Cameras	68 478
<b>Mount Pleasant</b> Upgrading of Sports Grounds	50 000
<b>Mount Pleasant</b> Sidewalks	50 000
<b>Westcliff</b> Upgrade of Front Area of Huis Lettie Theron	50 000
<b>Westcliff</b> Speed Calming	50 000
<b>Mount Pleasant</b> Speed Calming	25 000

## Ward 05

<b>Zwelihe</b> Highmast Lights	743 523
<b>Zwelihe</b> Storm-water Drains	300 000
<b>Zwelihe</b> Subsoil Drainage	200 000
<b>Zwelihe</b> CCTV Cameras	83 536

## Ward 06

<b>Zwelihe</b> Emergency Housing Project Schulphoeck	2 600 000
<b>Zwelihe</b> Fencing Zwelihe Taxi Rank	300 000
<b>Zwelihe</b> Construction of Sidewalks	200 000
<b>Zwelihe</b> Installation of Subsoil Drainage	200 000
<b>Zwelihe</b> CCTV Cameras	73 928

## Ward 07

<b>Sandbaai</b> Storm-water Project - Long Street	1 250 000
<b>Sandbaai</b> Restoration and Upgrade of Beach Area including Facilities	150 000
<b>Sandbaai</b> Street Lights	100 000
<b>Sandbaai</b> CCTV Cameras	75 000
<b>Sandbaai</b> Traffic Calming	75 000

## R127 498 677

## R68 070 939

## R6 868 595

## R17 584 774

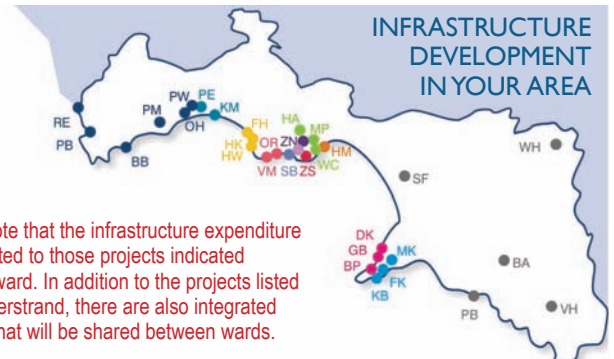
## R13 515 227

## R2 238 979

## R1 327 059

## R3 373 928

## R1 650 000



Please note that the infrastructure expenditure is not limited to those projects indicated for each ward. In addition to the projects listed under Overstrand, there are also integrated projects that will be shared between wards.

## Ward 08

<b>Hawston</b> New Housing Development R43 Wall	2 100 000
<b>Hawston</b> Upgrade Sport Complex	4 052 225
<b>Hawston</b> Industrial Business Hub	800 000
<b>Hawston</b> Extension of Plein Street	660 000
<b>Hawston</b> MV-LV Upgrade Replacement	372 282
<b>Fisherhaven</b> Curbing & Tarring Paving of Sidewalks	180 000
<b>Hawston</b> Lang Erwe Transfers	147 070
<b>Hawston</b> Curbing & Tarring Sidewalks	100 000
<b>Hawston</b> Storm-water and Tarring of Circles	100 000
<b>Hawston</b> Traffic Calming	50 000
<b>Fisherhaven</b> CCTV	40 000
<b>Fisherhaven</b> Street Lights	30 000
<b>Fisherhaven</b> CCTV Cameras	5 816
<b>Hawston</b> CCTV Cameras	852

## Ward 09

<b>Kleinmond</b> MV-LV Network Upgrade	1 860 714
<b>Kleinmond</b> Community Project Old KCIH	700 000
<b>Kleinmond</b> Upgrade of Municipal Yard Ablutions	500 000
<b>Kleinmond</b> Office Container For Kleinmond Slipway	145 000
<b>Kleinmond</b> Power Cable to Kleinmond Slipway Facilities	115 000
<b>Kleinmond</b> Upgrading of Town Hall	110 000
<b>Kleinmond</b> Purchase of ERF 4013 Betty's Bay	100 000
<b>Proteadorp</b> Heidelberg Creche Parking Area	65 000
<b>Kleinmond</b> Bus Shelters Main Road	60 000
<b>Kleinmond</b> Minor Assets Equipment for Town Hall	35 000
<b>Kleinmond</b> Safety Cameras at Entrances of Town	17 746
<b>Proteadorp</b> Safety Cameras	23 928

## Ward 10

<b>Betty's Bay / Pringle Bay</b> Storm-water Network	1 000 000
<b>Rooiels</b> Anemone Road Paving	150 000
<b>Betty's Bay</b> Cameras	50 000
<b>Hangklip-Kleinmond</b> Speed Calming	50 000
<b>Rooiels</b> Storm-water	30 000
<b>Mooiuitsig</b> Kerbing	25 000
<b>Kleinmond</b> CCTV Cameras - Betty's Bay	5 331

## Ward 11

<b>Franskraal</b> Storm-water AD-HOC	1 500 000
<b>Franskraal</b> Sidewalks	100 000
<b>Franskraal</b> Storm-water AD-HOC	100 000
<b>Eluxolweni</b> Storm-water AD-HOC	100 000
<b>Pearly Beach</b> Traffic Calming	50 000
<b>Buffeljachtsbaai</b> Traffic Calming	50 000
<b>Baardskeedersbos</b> Storm-water AD-HOC	50 000
<b>Pearly Beach</b> Storm-water AD-HOC	50 000
<b>Pearly Beach</b> CCTV Cameras	3 282
<b>Baardskeedersbos</b> CCTV Cameras	2 778

## Ward 12

<b>Zwelihe</b> Library	4 373 611
<b>Zwelihe</b> Hermanus Transfer Station Upgrading of Infrastructure	2 020 260
<b>Zwelihe</b> New Roof Trading Swartdam Road	875 000
<b>Zwelihe</b> Zithande Street Lights	370 077
<b>Zwelihe</b> Upgrading Schulphoeck Outdoor Gym Fencing	200 000
<b>Zwelihe</b> Sidewalks & Speed Calming Measures	150 000
<b>Zwelihe</b> Storm-water Drains	150 000
<b>Zwelihe</b> CCTV Cameras	91 493

## Ward 13

<b>Onrus / Vermont</b> Onrus Beach Ablution & Facilities Upgrades	1 243 842
<b>Onrus</b> Construction & Upgrading of Atlantic Drive Walkway	200 000
<b>Vermont</b> Construction & Extension of Coastal Path	200 000
<b>Onrus / Vermont</b> Fencing Dog Park	100 000
<b>Vermont</b> Upgrading of Marine Drive Coastal Area at Jan Rabie Pool Stone Wall on both sides of entrance and exit	70 000
<b>Vermont</b> Street Lights	30 000

## Ward 14

<b>Gansbaai</b> Establishing of A K53 Test Station Gansbaai	1 052 060
<b>Blompark</b> Sidewalks	100 000
<b>De Kleders</b> Sidewalks	100 000
<b>Gansbaai</b> Sidewalks	50 000
<b>Blompark</b> Blompark Housing Project Bus Route	5 583 000

## Grand Total

**R274 774 547**

## TOP 10 PROJECTS FOR 2021/2022

## Project Description

LCH Services Construction Contracts  
Franskraal, Kleinbaai, Birkenhead New 66 11KV Substation  
Replacement of Overstrand Water Pipes  
Upgrading of Pump Stations Rising Mains  
Gansbaai CBD Sewer Network Extension  
Water Master Plan Implementation  
Upgrade Hermanus Well Fields Phase 2  
Upgrade Bulk Water  
Blompark Housing Project Bus Route  
Upgrade Bulk Sewer Supply Area A & B

## Ward

Overstrand  
Multi-ward GB Area  
Overstrand  
Overstrand  
Ward 02  
Overstrand  
Multi-ward Hermanus Area  
Ward 01  
Ward 14  
Ward 02

## Amount

52,259 085  
50,400 000  
21,622 580  
16,059 317  
7,348 170  
7,272 830  
6,691 709  
5,615 000  
5,583 000  
4,834 000



## WHAT 2021/2022'S MONTHLY MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTS WILL LOOK LIKE

SRA Rate as might be applicable to be added

## MONTHLY BASKET OF TARIFFS - SINGLE RESIDENTIAL 2021/2022

High consumption with prepaid electricity meter Valuation: R3 500 000	Year 2020/21	Year 2021/22	Amount	% increase
Rates	1 370,80	1 425,63	54,83	4,00
Sewerage* Tariff Code: SE7A1+SE8A	628,32	653,45	25,13	4,00
Infrastructure basic charge: water, electricity & sewerage	53,54	53,54	0,00	0,00
Refuse Once per week	193,84	201,59	7,75	4,00
Water 50 kℓ	1 198,72	1 246,67	47,95	4,00
VAT 15%	311,16	323,29	12,13	3,90
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>3 756,38</b>	<b>3 904,17</b>	<b>147,79</b>	<b>3,93</b>
Electricity: Prepaid meter 1500kWh	3 404,46	3 901,16	496,71	14,59
VAT 15%	510,67	585,17	74,51	14,59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7 671,50</b>	<b>8 390,51</b>	<b>719,01</b>	<b>9,37</b>

## MONTHLY BASKET OF TARIFFS - SINGLE RESIDENTIAL 2021/2022

Sub-economic consumption (Indigent) Valuation: R50 000	Year 2020/21	Year 2021/22	Amount	% increase
Rates	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Sewerage* Tariff Code: SE7A1	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Infrastructure basic charge: water, electricity & sewerage	41,70	41,70	0,00	0,00
Refuse Once per week	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Water 6 kℓ	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
VAT 15%	6,26	6,26	0,00	0,00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>47,96</b>	<b>47,96</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>
Electricity: Prepaid meter 150kWh	189,36	216,99	27,63	14,59
VAT 15%	28,40	32,55	4,14	14,59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>265,72</b>	<b>297,49</b>	<b>31,77</b>	<b>11,96</b>

## MONTHLY BASKET OF TARIFFS - SINGLE RESIDENTIAL 2021/2022

Medium consumption with prepaid electricity meter Valuation: R2 500 000	Year 2020/21	Year 2021/22	Amount	% increase
Rates	973,47	1 012,41	38,94	4,00
Sewerage* Tariff Code: SE7A1+SE8A	377,72	392,83	15,11	4,00
Infrastructure basic charge: water, electricity & sewerage	53,54	53,54	0,00	0,00
Refuse Once per week	193,84	201,59	7,75	4,00
Water 25 kℓ	457,77	476,08	18,31	4,00
VAT 15%	162,43	168,61	6,18	3,80
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>2 218,76</b>	<b>2 305,05</b>	<b>86,29</b>	<b>3,89</b>
Electricity: Prepaid meter 800kWh	1 745,04	1 999,64	254,60	14,59
VAT 15%	261,76	299,95	38,19	14,59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4 225,55</b>	<b>4 604,63</b>	<b>379,08</b>	<b>8,97</b>

## MONTHLY BASKET OF TARIFFS - BUSINESS 2021/2022

Business - Medium (Three phase) Valuation: R3 200 000	Year 2020/21	Year 2021/22	Amount	% increase
Rates	2 408,00	2 504,32	96,32	4,00
Sewerage* Tariff Code: SE7A1+SE8A	642,64	668,35	25,71	4,00
Infrastructure basic charge: water, electricity & sewerage	53,54	53,54	0,00	0,00
Refuse Once per week	581,51	604,77	23,26	4,00
Water 40 kℓ	914,22	950,79	36,57	4,00
VAT 15%	328,79	341,62	12,83	3,90
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>4 928,69</b>	<b>5 123,38</b>	<b>194,68</b>	<b>3,95</b>
Electricity: Credit meter 7000kWh	15 030,89	17 223,90	2 193,01	14,59
VAT 15%	2 254,63	2 583,58	328,95	14,59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22 214,21</b>	<b>24 930,86</b>	<b>2 716,64</b>	<b>12,23</b>

## MONTHLY BASKET OF TARIFFS - SINGLE RESIDENTIAL 2021/2022

Low consumption with prepaid electricity meter Valuation: R1 000 000	Year 2020/21	Year 2021/22	Amount	% increase
Rates	377,47	392,57	15,10	4,00
Sewerage* Tariff Code: SE7A1+SE8A	277,48	288,58	11,10	4,00
Infrastructure basic charge: water, electricity & sewerage	53,54	53,54	0,00	0,00
Refuse Once per week	193,84	201,59	7,75	4,00
Water 15 kℓ	285,65	297,08	11,43	4,00
VAT 15%	121,58	126,12	4,54	3,74
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>1 309,55</b>	<b>1 359,47</b>	<b>49,92</b>	<b>3,81</b>
Electricity: Prepaid meter 600kWh	1 270,92	1 456,34	185,43	14,59
VAT 15%	190,64	218,45	27,81	14,59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2 771,10</b>	<b>3 034,26</b>	<b>263,16</b>	<b>9,50</b>

## MONTHLY BASKET OF TARIFFS - VACANT ERVEN 2021/2022

Valuation Average	Year 2020/21	Year 2021/22	Amount	% increase
Valuation: R250 000				
Rates	170,00	176,80	6,80	4,00
Sewer can connect Availability	127,12	132,20	5,08	4,00
Refuse Availability	96,91	100,79	3,88	4,00
Electricity Availability	356,20	408,17	51,97	14,59
Water Availability	142,64	148,35	5,71	4,00
Infrastructure basic charge: water, electricity & sewerage	53,54	53,54	0,00	0,00
VAT 15%	116,46	126,46	10,00	8,58
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1 062,87</b>	<b>1 146,30</b>	<b>83,43</b>	<b>7,85</b>



### Hangklip-Kleinmond residents can now request tanker services via WhatsApp



Due to technical difficulties with telephone lines experienced by the Hangklip-Kleinmond Administration, a dedicated WhatsApp line has been instituted as a temporary measure to assist residents who need to request a tanker service. Note that this line is **ONLY** for tanker service requests and will only be operational until such time as the issues with the telephone lines have been resolved. WhatsApp your name and surname, street address, erf number and area to 081 751 0170.

## HUMPBACK WHALE WASHED UP IN VERMONT



Recently, a juvenile humpback whale washed up on a rocky patch west of the Jan Rabie tidal pool in Vermont.

Scientists from the Overberg Stranding Network took samples from this male, estimated to weigh around seven tons, but could not determine the cause of death and also found no visible signs of entanglement or any other physical damage that could have led to its death.

The whale has been cut open for degassing so that nature can break it down naturally. Total decomposition will take between two to three weeks.

#### Overberg Stranding Network

This collaborative group ensures that as much information as possible is retrieved from every stranding, that live animals are refloated or euthanized if necessary, and that carcasses are disposed of safely if they come ashore in a built-up area.

In the Overberg area, any stranding is managed by this collaborative group comprised of CapeNature, the Department of Environmental Affairs, the Dyer Island Conservation Trust, the Hermanus Animal Hospital, the whale unit of the Mammal Research Institute, the NSRI, Overberg District Municipality and Overstrand Municipality.

If you find a marine mammal along the coast, you are urged to call the municipality on 028 313 8000 and ask for the Environmental Management Section. Alternatively, call the Dyer Island Conservation Trust's rescue stranding line on 072 598 7117.

## ANSWER A COUPLE OF SIMPLE YES/NO QUESTIONS TO ASSESS THE FIRE RISK ON YOUR PROPERTY

### QUESTION 1: Is your property situated on a slope or subject to strong southeasters?

If YES, take note that fire naturally moves up a slope and is more intense higher up or in wind.

### QUESTION 2: Is your property close to a large, open and/or natural area?

If YES, create a fire break on your property, next to the fire-risk area. Even though this won't stop the fire, it will provide fire fighters with better access.

### QUESTION 3: Do you regularly remove all alien vegetation, dead wood and combustible material from your property?

If NO, be sure to institute a regime whereby all alien vegetation, dead wood and organic matter are regularly removed from your property.

### QUESTION 4: Is your LP gas cylinders housed legally?

If NO, get advice from a stockist of LP gas and adapt your storage area accordingly.

### QUESTION 5: Is your house wood-framed or thatched?

If YES, trim vegetation around your home to under 20 cm high.

### QUESTION 6: Are your firewood and compost heap stored far away from your home?

If NO, create a 3 m "clear zone" around your house.

### QUESTION 7: Is your hosepipe accessible and does it reach right around your house?

If NO, get an extra tap or hosepipe. A rainwater storage tank and pump would be ideal.

### QUESTION 8: Do you have any external electrical wiring hanging above trees or bushes?

If YES, please remove or cover these with metal conduit.

### QUESTION 9: Are fire hydrants easily accessible for fire-fighters?

If NO, please advise your FireWise Committee or Fire Chief.

### QUESTION 10: Can a fire engine easily access your property right around?

If NO, clear and open your driveway for more access.

### QUESTION 11: Do you/your neighbours ever burn garden waste?

If YES, please take note that any burning is illegal (unless a permit has been issued).

### QUESTION 12: Are all wooden decks or fences treated with fire-retardant?

If NO, visit a hardware store or speak to a paint specialist about fire-retardant treatment.

### QUESTION 13: Are the roof trusses under your eaves exposed?

If YES, box in exposed roof beams with non-flammable material.

### QUESTION 14: Do you/your neighbours ever braai without a hosepipe at hand and ready to use?

If NO, be sure to always have a hosepipe ready, especially during summer when the fire risk is very high.

## OVERSTRAND'S NEW K9-UNIT

### Furry recruits and their handlers now ready for action

The Western Cape Department of Community Safety provided funding to Overstrand Municipality to facilitate the establishment of a canine (K9) unit in support of the district municipality's safety plans.

A K9-unit is a specialised group of law enforcement officers who use service dogs to perform various tasks. In addition to their normal duties, each K9-officer is also a dog handler, meaning that they have to train and care for their canine partner. The service dogs are used to provide both pro-active and re-active services.

The purpose of the K9-unit is to expand the capability of Law Enforcement to deal effectively with public safety issues such as poaching and drug trafficking as well as to monitor and report on these crimes.

The dog unit has been trained to provide support during law enforcement operations and will be used for specialist tasks (such as sniffing out drugs, abalone and firearms) and will also assist with patrols.

The new Overstrand K9-unit resorts under

the Protection Services Directorate and is stationed in Hermanus but will serve the entire Overstrand area.

Currently, Overstrand's K9-unit is comprised of one officer (Inspector Lance Mara, who is managing the unit) and six dog handlers with their assigned service dogs: Gimo (with handler Patrick Frans), Wimba (with handler Cadin Leibbrandt), Demmi (with handler Valencia Solomons), Argo (with handler Joseph Tyhaliti), Sissy (with handler Patrick Stranfliet) and Adar (with handler Rhyno Cloete). The appointment of another inspector and senior inspector must still be finalised.

K9-Inspector Lance Mara said his unit uses Belgian Malinois dogs because of their excellent sense of smell and keen intellect. He added that the municipality is working together with the Genesis K9 Group who provided to train and supply dogs and handlers to mines, security companies, wildlife parks, law enforcement and community policing agencies and the United Nations, among others.



Overstrand's new K9-unit (from l-r): Joseph Tyhaliti and Argo, Genesis K9-group instructor Sydney Mattala, Patrick Stranfliet and Sissy, Assistant Chief: Law Enforcement and Task Team Johan du Toit, Valencia Solomons and Demmi, K9-inspector Lance Mara, Senior Manager: Traffic, Law Enforcement & Task Team Rudi Fraser, Patrick Frans and Gimo, the Genesis K9 Group's director of training Thys Klein, Cadin Leibbrandt and Wimba, and Rhyno Cloete and Adar.



Argo with handler Joseph Tyhaliti

Sissy with handler Patrick Stranfliet

Demmi with handler Valencia Solomons

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