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STALWARTS SHINE AT GALA EVENT



THE WINNERS AND FINALISTS. Front: Sheraine van Wyk, Annelie Jonker, Dinah Johnson, Ena Geldenhuys, Corrie Gerber, Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie, Zaan Cilliers, Hannie Morgan and Ilze Smith. Back from left: Stefné van Dyk, Duncan Heard, Frikkie Zeelie, Clayton Francis, Theo Krynauw, Jack Bold, Chris Adams, Lesley Richardson, Tommy Volkwyn, Anchelle Damon and Joseph Strider who received the certificate on behalf of Lean Terblanche. Absent: Vuyiswa Pike and Jason Stonehewer.

On Tuesday evening 26 August 2014, Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie hosted Overstrand's annual Night of Achievers to honour those members of the community for whom 'walking the extra mile' has become a force of habit. On the night, no fewer than nineteen stalwarts were rewarded for their exceptional service to their fellow man and their relentless efforts to safeguard the environment.

Woman of the Year, 2014

Providing anything from transport to food and thinking nothing of paying a home visit after hours or over the weekend to help change a drip, **Ena Geldenhuys**, who co-ordinates home-based care in Gansbaai, has been many a cancer patient's saviour.

On a different note, this year's runner-up, **Stefné van Dyk** of Betty's Bay, uses her music background to uplift body and soul of the children whom she teaches for endless hours and donates instruments for them to use without remuneration. The second runner-up from Hawston, **Dinah Johnson**, is a retired teacher who, at the age of 70, still has the energy to offer classes to children from the area in need of a little extra help. Other finalists in this category were Annelie Jonker, Corrie Gerber, Hannie Morgan, Ilze Smith, Lean Terblanche, Vuyiswa Pike and Zaan Cilliers.

ORGANISING AN EVENT? REMEMBER TO BUDGET FOR FIRE BRIGADE FEES!

Organisers of festivals and other sporting events are reminded that permission to host the event is subject to inspection and the issuing of a certificate of approval by the Fire Department at a cost of R200 payable in advance. In addition, rendering standby services in the form of fire engines and fire fighters will amount to R1 000 per event.

The necessary application forms (obtainable from Carlinn Jansen on 028 313 5041) must be completed and submitted, together with proof of payment, before the requisite inspection will be conducted. Organisers may request standby services in advance, but a final decision on the need for such services will be taken at the time of meeting with the events committee.

Mayoral Trophy for Environmental Conservation, 2014

Fourteen years ago, **Jack Bold** took over the abandoned Fernkloof Gardens and turned it into the successful indigenous nursery it is today. Stocking no fewer than 250 different species, the nursery also boasts a fynbos and fragrance garden and has recently seen the addition of an arboretum - all thanks to Jack's love for all things indigenous.

Runner-up, **Sheraine van Wyk**, manages Whale Coast Conservation's eco-learning function. In addition to initiating numerous educational programmes at schools, she also runs several citizen-science projects, one of which involves monitoring frogs. Chairman of the Fernkloof Advisory Board, **Duncan Heard**, is this year's second runner-up and is deserving of recognition for the exceptional work he does in the area of integrated environmental management.

Mayor's Award for Excellence, 2014

Special recognition for their extraordinary contribution on the terrains of the arts, culture, sports, business and welfare, or for simply inspiring the people of Overstrand to keep on striving for excellence in everything they do, went to: Anchelle Damon, Chris Adams, Clayton Francis, Frikkie Zeelie, Jason Stonehewer, Lesley Richardson, Theo and Angie Krynauw and Tommy Volkwyn.

We salute you!

May we all strive to follow your example.

Correction: Valuations

The August 2014 Bulletin incorrectly stated that objections to valuations can be lodged before 30 September 2014. Currently, there is no valuation roll open for public inspection for the lodging of objections. The valuation roll can be viewed at www.overstrand.gov.za. A property's valuation also appears on the monthly consumer account. Any valuation queries can be directed to Mrs Carien de Beer at 028 313 8133 or enquiries@overstrand.gov.za.



With the commissioning of the new Preekstoel bio-filtration plant on Tuesday 19 August 2014, the Greater Hermanus bulk water supply system is now fully operational. As the first full-scale plant of its kind in South Africa, this environmentally friendly water-treatment plant requires fewer chemicals, saves on electricity and reduces water loss in the treatment process. Overall, capacity in Greater Hermanus has now been increased from 24 to 38 Ml / day with the bulk water supply system catering for some 18 000 households from Fisherhaven to Voëlklip. Often referred to as Overstrand's "flagship capital works project", the total cost of the project amounted to R87 million, of which R20,6 million was contributed by the Department of Water and Sanitation through its Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG) programme.



ARBOUR WEEK

In support of National Arbour Week from 1 - 7 September, councillors and ward committee members took an active part in 'greening' our towns and villages by lending a hand with planting some 60 indigenous trees kindly donated by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. The common indigenous species celebrated this year is the Wild Plum, while two rare species - the Bladder Nut and Bell Bean - also shared in the limelight. Here, Overstrand's horticulturist Lauren Rainbird, Area Manager Kat Myburgh and Deputy Mayor Pieter Scholtz keep a watchful eye while learners at Gansbaai Academia plant one of the trees.



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR MUNICIPALITY

The annual Municipal Showcase will once again form part of the Whale Festival from 3-6 October this year. The idea behind the showcase is to afford municipal officials the opportunity to engage with the public and to demonstrate Overstrand's commitment to being a centre of excellence to all it serves in a practical, hands-on manner.

Directorates the likes of Finance, Local Economic Development, Management Services, Infrastructure and Planning, Protection Services and Community Services will strut their stuff, while we also expect to be joined by some of our external partners such as Working on Fire who fulfil crucial roles in the area.

Part of the success of the annual showcase can be ascribed to the fact that municipal officials and the general public now have the opportunity to interact at leisure in a relaxed, festive atmosphere. All-round, the event is a wonderful mutual learning opportunity that helps to lend credence to the role local governance fulfils in people's everyday lives.

Personnel will be on duty from 09:00 till 16:00 daily at the respective stalls to welcome visitors to the exhibition and to answer questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

Tanker service restrictions revoked

Following the outcome of certain preliminary investigations, Council will no longer restrict vacuum tanker services to a maximum of two call-outs during office hours per month with effect from 1 July 2014. At the Council meeting held on 27 August, it was resolved that tariff SE7A1 and tariff SE7A5 be amended accordingly.

Mike Bartman, Deputy Director: Community Service, said Council now anticipates that a targeted approach will be followed to cater for the 10% of users who request an excessive

number of vacuum tanker services in the course of a month. This would involve comparing water consumption with the quantity of sewage removed as well as conducting visual inspections of properties to identify illegal storm-water connections and defects to sewer installations.

Where transgressions of the relevant by-laws are detected, these will be acted upon.

For further information and/or advice in this regard, contact enquiries@overstrand.gov.za.

YOUTH JOBS IN WASTE

The Department of Environmental Affairs (National) has launched a project called 'Youth Jobs in Waste' for all the municipalities in the Western Cape. The key focus of the *Youth Jobs in Waste* projects is employment of young people and to equip them with skills to have a better chance for obtaining permanent employment. They will be utilized in the following categories: Waste management administration, Landfill administration, Environmental Awareness campaigns and general work. Overstrand Municipality is excited about the opportunity to train local youth to do environmental awareness for the upliftment and empowerment of our communities and to contribute to better living conditions for all. The recruitment process has been finalised and residents are requested to give these youngsters their full co-operation with the awareness campaigns. This project will last for one year with a possibility to extend for another year.

TOWN PLANNING CENTRALISED

Overstrand Municipality hereby announces that the Town Planning Department has been centralised with effect from 1 September 2014. This in effect implies that the department's Gansbaai and Kleinmond offices will in future operate from Hermanus. The offices are located at 16 Patterson Street, and telephonic enquiries can be directed to 028 313 8900.

PARKING NOW OFFICIALLY REGULATED

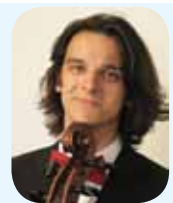
As from 5 September 2014, Overstrand has a new by-law on parking management. Providing for the supply, regulation and control of parking and applicable to all premises situated on public property, the intention with the by-law is to create a safe environment for all residents within Overstrand's area of jurisdiction.

A copy of the by-law is available on www.overstrand.gov.za.

DELIGHT IN DEXTERITY OF YOUNG RUSSIAN DUO



On Saturday 25 October, Georgi Anichenko (cello) and Anastasya Terenkova (piano) will take to the stage in Hermanus' Civic Auditorium. In concert, these two young artists from Russia will play *Fantasiestucke Op 73* by Schumann, *Sonata No 3 Op 69* by Beethoven and *Grieg's Sonata for Cello and Piano*. The concert starts at 19:00. **Book your ticket - R100 per adult/R50 per student - with BELLINI 028 312 4988. For all other enquiries, call René du Plooy on 082 940 4238.**



Georgi Anichenko



Anastasya Terenkova