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# Bulletin

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## KARWYDESKRAAL OPERATIONAL AGAIN



*Under the watchful eye of two of the project engineers, Johan Veldsman from Burger & Wallace and Wihan Visser from Jan Palm Consultants (far right), Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie cuts the "ribbon" to declare the new cell at Karwyderskraal officially open. Also present to witness this joyous occasion were (from left to right) Coenie Groenewald, Municipal Manager: Overstrand; Stan Wallace, Municipal Manager: Theewaterskloof; Leon Eksteen, Provincial MIG Manager; Cllr Philip Appelgrein; Cllr Dudley Coetzee; David Beretti, Municipal Manager: Overberg District Municipality; Johan van Taak, Manager: Solid Waste Management; Eddie Hanekom, Director: Department of Environmental Affairs; and Cllr Abraham Prins.*

On 2 April 2015, Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie officially opened the new cell at the Karwyderskraal landfill site. In her address, she made particular reference to the successful negotiations between all affected parties and the excellent co-operation between municipalities and the province in order to attain a common goal, namely to re-open and utilise this landfill site to the advantage of all ratepayers.

One of the benefits brought about by the opening of the new cell is that more than one municipality can make use of the landfill site. It will also no longer be necessary to transport the western towns' refuse to Gansbaai, resulting in a much reduced carbon footprint and extending the lifetime of the Gansbaai cell considerably due to the reduced volumes of refuse being transported to that landfill site.

The project costs amounting to R9,3 million were funded by Overstrand Municipality as well as a contribution coming from the Department of Local Government's municipal infrastructure grant, for which the municipality is most thankful.

Mayor Botha-Guthrie thanked Burger & Wallace, generally regarded as one of the top contractors in this field, for their outstanding work and pointed out that nine temporary job opportunities were created in the course of the contract period for residents from the surrounding communities.

According to estimates, the new cell will be able to take approximately 155 000 tons of solid waste. At the current growth rate, it will therefore take approximately five years before a new cell will have to be commissioned.

## STONY POINT ECO-CENTRE OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED

Following on extensive public participation and years of dealing with complex challenges involving several amendments to the site plans, the Stony Point Eco-centre in Betty's Bay is now finally geared to deliver the project's intended benefits to endangered seabirds, tourists, the Betty's Bay Boat Club and the Mooiuitsig Community Trust who hold the commercial rights to manage the coffee shop and eco-centre.



*Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie and Minister of Tourism, Derek Hanekom, look on as Magrietha de Bruin, a representative of the Mooiuitsig Community Trust, unveils the plaque commemorating the official launching of the Stony Point Eco-centre.*

Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie lauded project managers Casidra for successfully integrating the remaining ruins of the old whaling station, the World War

II radar station and the municipal workshop and stores into a prominent tourist attraction and nature conservation area.

With the aid of funding from the Extended Public Works Programme, the Department of Tourism facilitated the construction of a themed visitor information centre, a tearoom and a heritage site for whaling history at the Stony Point Eco-centre.

In his address, the Minister of Tourism, Derek Hanekom, urged stakeholders to continue pursuing similar projects that

will create employment opportunities and help to develop a vibrant, equitable and sustainable tourism economy to the benefit of the local community.



*The recently-opened eco-centre at Stony Point is a "must do" on any "tourists" agenda*

## NOTICE: SOCIO- ECONOMIC STUDY

Overstrand Municipality has identified a need to understand the housing demand better in order to plan for delivery of housing opportunities in future. This has been extremely difficult due to, among others, a lack of reliable demand-related information, the increase in backyard dwellings for housing and the increase in the number of households living in highly dense conditions.

In order to address this challenge, the municipality needs to quantify the housing need and demand in our area, and this can only be achieved by conducting a socio-economic assessment, with the focus on human settlements. As part of this assessment, a survey will be conducted in certain areas to obtain reliable data to assist Council with decision-making.

The following areas will be included in the survey: Kleinmond, Hawston, Onrus River, Hermanus, Sandbaai, Zwelihle, Stanford and Gansbaai.

The surveyors will be selected residents from the abovementioned areas. The necessary advertisements will be placed in the local newspapers to enable potential applicants to apply for the survey positions.

For identification purposes, the surveyors will be wearing a yellow safety vest imprinted with the word "Aurecon". The survey will be conducted from 22 June 2015 to 11 September 2015.

The firm Aurecon is managing the entire project, including the survey. The contact person at Aurecon is Mr Lindilizwe Mngxekeza. He is available at the following telephone numbers: **021 526 9435** or **082 888 8725**.

## PARTICIPATORY PACA PROCESS IN HAWSTON DEFINITELY "FRUITFUL"

Overstrand's Department of Local Economic Development (LED) facilitated a participatory appraisal of competitive advantage (PACA) process in Hawston at the Hawston Thusong Centre in the course of March.

The aim of this process, which follows a participatory planning methodology, is to determine Hawston's competitive advantage in partnership with the community with a view to identifying projects of strategic economic significance that can be implemented within the area. A kick-off workshop held on 10 March explained the process to the community. A series of workshops and interviews with the youth, social sector and small businesses in the area then followed.

Solomzi Madikane, Director: Local Economic Development and Tourism, explained that the process is unique in the sense that it is owned by the community.

Champions for the selected projects are identified from local community members and are required to meet on a regular basis to provide feedback on the outcome of the individual projects. Acting as facilitators,

co-ordinators and enablers, the LED team will aid the process by providing linkages to available resources and investment opportunities to further aid project implementation.

To help build confidence within the community and guarantee implementation, identified projects are of both a short- and a long-term nature with the following being identified as "low hanging fruit" projects - in other words those that are expected to yield results within the near future:

- 1: Industrial hive
- 2: Skills centre
- 3: Aqua-culture
- 4: 24-hour, 1-stop garage
- 5: Flea market
- 6: Upgraded campsite
- 7: Old-age home
- 8: Paddavlei upgrade
- 9: Youth development

"Investing in local communities adds to sustainable development and growth for the benefit of the people," Madikane said. "Our department aims to help communities grow their potential by making use of local resources, and it is our intention to host a funding symposium in the near future to assess investor appetite for the planned projects."

## YAMAHA VIRTUOSO SET TO ENTHRAL

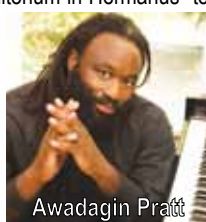


On Sunday, 17 May, renowned concert pianist **Awadagin Pratt**, a juror at the last UNISA International Piano Competition, will take to the stage in the Civic Auditorium in Hermanus to enthrall audiences with his insightful and intense interpretations of works

by Schubert, Liszt, Scarlatti, Couperin, Kodaly, Tchaikovsky, Chopin and Hersch.

Pratt currently holds the position of Professor of Piano and Artist in Residence at the College Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati.

**The concert starts at 15h30 and tickets cost R120 (R60 for students). To book your seat, call BELLINI on 028 312 4988. Direct all other enquiries to OAK secretary, René du Plooy, on 082 940 4238.**



Awadagin Pratt

## PROGRESS REPORT ON THE UPGRADING OF GANSBAAI'S ELECTRICAL NETWORK

**Kleinbaai, Gansbaai, Blompark, Franskraal, Birkenhead and Stanford currently in line**

Several years ago, a master plan was developed to replace redundant electrical apparatus and to cater for anticipated growth in the Gansbaai area. The resultant multi-year implementation programme saw the replacement, strengthening and/or upgrading of several electrical networks (medium and low voltage) from 2007/8 onwards.

Overstrand Municipality is happy to report that since the start of the 2014/15 fiscal year, work on upgrading electrical networks in the following areas is progressing according to plan and that the completion date, namely August 2015, looks to be highly attainable at this stage:

Area	Project details	Project value (R '000)	Progress as at 1 April 2015
Kleinbaai	Replacement of medium-voltage circuit breakers at main switching station, phase 2	1,940	4%
Gansbaai	Replacement of mini-substation in Buitekant Street	604	83%
Franskraal	Replacement of mini-substation in Julia Street	636	83%
Blompark	Upgrading of low-voltage network, including street lighting, in: *Madeliefie, Dahlia, Skool, Aster and Roos Streets; *Kampeer Street (from Madeliefie to Roos Streets); and *Ridderspoor Street (from Madeliefie to Roos Streets)	2,335	64%
Birkenhead	Upgrading and replacement of overhead lines towards Danger Point lighthouse, Smuts Street and surrounding small holdings	2,858	49%
Stanford	Upgrading of medium-voltage cables in Moore Street (from De Bruyn to Queen Victoria Streets) and Langmark Street (from King to Heinrich Streets)	1,213	68%

Overstrand Municipality, in co-operation with Adenco Construction (the successful bidder), undertakes to limit planned interruptions to the minimum. Nevertheless, we appeal to all affected residents to exercise a bit of patience while the upgrading is underway. We also wish to reassure them that all excavated areas will be restored to their former state once work has been completed.

In an effort to ensure all our residences and businesses of a safe and reliable network, the 2014/15 budget also provides for electrical projects in Hermanus and the Hangklip-Kleinmond area. All projects seem to be progressing according to plan, and Council undertakes to keep affected parties abreast of any developments in this regard.