

SMALL SCALE EMBEDDED GENERATION OFF TO A GOOD START

Six months have passed since the implementation of Overstrand's guidelines for Small Scale Embedded Generation (SSEG). Numerous applications have been received and interest continues to grow.

The Overstrand guidelines for Small Scale Embedded Generation affords all consumers with SSEG installations the opportunity to apply for a grid-tied connection. This entails such consumers applying for municipal approval, installing a "bi-directional" meter

and being compensated for each unit fed back into the municipal grid at an annually approved municipal tariff. The most important thing to keep in mind is, however, that you need to be a NET consumer. This means that you may not put back more units into the grid than you use from it.

As mentioned above, the SSEG guidelines provide the opportunity to be grid-tied, but there are still consumers who connect to our network illegally. We

hereby request all consumers to ensure that they have the necessary approval in place when they connect anything to our municipal network. From 1 July 2016, penalties for all illegal SSEG connections have been instated in accordance with our electricity supply by-law. These illegal connections will be dealt with in the same light as any other illegal connections. Failure to comply with our municipal regulations will result in the disconnection of services and a tampering fee.

Tampering fees for the current 2016/17 financial year are as follows:

E14	ILLEGAL CONNECTION / TAMPERING FEE (including damage to or bypass of the DSM Hot Water Cylinder Control Unit)		
E14A1	1 st Offence	R	3 409,00
E14A2	2 nd Offence (E14A1 x 2)	R	6 819,00
E14A3	3 rd Offence and reoccurrence (Disconnection of services and remedial fee = double previous offense fee)	R	Previous offences amount x 2

E18	Small Scale Embedded Generation (SSEG) This tariff is available only for approved SSEG connections, where the customers offset their small scale generation (kWh) against purchases from the municipality, provided that their purchases exceed their generation (kWh). This tariff will only be implemented after the National Energy Regulator of South Africa's (NERSA) approved guide lines have been received. The consumer will stay on his existing tariff and the following will also be applicable:		
E18A2	Feed-in Tariff	c	54,00 61,56 NEW NEW

How does the compensation work?

The client will pay for the installation of a bi-directional meter as per the annual approved municipal tariffs. Consumers currently on credit meter tariffs will remain unchanged and prepaid consumers will be converted back to credit meter tariffs. A standard household SSEG account will reflect the following: (Not time of use)

- Basic monthly service charge
- Monthly infrastructure charge
- Consumption costs as per block tariffs
- Total units fed back into the municipal grid x approved tariff (credited)



Please Note, customers wishing to install an SSEG system, regardless of its generation capacity, have to complete an application form and written approval will be requested from the municipality prior to the commencement of system procurement and installation. The approval process for an SSEG installation will vary, depending on the size of the system and consumer category.

For more information, complete guidelines and all forms, click on <http://www.overstrand.gov.za/en/documents/electricity>

Inquiries in this regard can be addressed to the Electricity Department of the Municipality at tel: 028 313 8000 / 028 384 8358 / 028-316 2630, or e-mail: enquiries@overstrand.gov.za

Overstrand Municipality's five-year infrastructure project plan

The Overstrand Municipality is planning to implement its five-year plan to upgrade roads in the area. The Director of Infrastructure and Planning, Stephen Müller, provided details on the municipality's plan and discussions held with the Department of Transport and Public Works (DTPW) regarding the upgrade of the R43 between Onrus and Sandbaai; as well as the two intersections, namely Onrus/Kidbrooke and Sandbaai.

Mr. Müller confirmed that two major infrastructure projects are planned to be undertaken over the next five years. One is the continuation of the Hermanus parallel road (on the sea side of the provincial road R43) to connect the towns by building a second bridge over the Onrus River.

The Hermanus parallel road is an alternative route to the R43 provincial road and will ultimately link the suburbs of Vermont, Onrus, Sandbaai, Zwellihle, Mount Pleasant and Westcliff to the

Hermanus CBD and the two Hermanus industrial areas. The project has been part of the municipality's Integrated Transport Plan (ITP) since 2010 and is aligned with the Overberg District Mobility Strategy Concepts Report (June 2011).

• **The first phase** of the project, known as Mbeki Road, was completed in 2013 and runs between Swartdam and Schulphoek roads. The cost of this phase amounted to R13,3 million.

• **Phase two** is currently in progress and runs from Schulphoek Road to the Sandbaai Main Road on the alignment of Bergsig Street. This phase forms part of the upgrade of roads for the new mall in Sandbaai. The developer of the mall is constructing this phase.

• **Phase 3** will entail the upgrade of Bergsig Street from Sandbaai Main Road to the Onrus River. This phase will be handled together with the development of the Sandbaai Commonage.

• **Phase 4** will be to construct a new bridge over the Onrus River to provide a

link to the Onrus Main Road.

• **The fifth phase** will be to install an upgraded link from Swartdam Road in the direction of the Hermanus CBD. Various alignments are being considered for this link.

The estimated total cost of the Hermanus parallel road project is around R155 million. Funding for this project is leveraged mainly from development contribution levies and the national Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG). The Premier of the Western Cape made

funding available for the pedestrian walkways and cycle lanes along Mbeki Road. The municipality is also in discussion with the provincial DTPW (Department of Transport and Public Works) for possible assistance.

The other big project that the Overstrand Municipality aims to complete in the five-year period is the Hermanus public transport facility that has been on the cards for the past 20 years. It includes the Hermanus taxi rank as part of the CBD revitalisation project.

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VENUE: THUSONG CENTRE (HAWSTON)

TIME: 08:00 AM TO 15:00 PM

DATE: 07 & 08 MARCH 2017



On Tuesday, 7 February 2017, Overstrand Executive Mayor Rudolph Smith, Western Cape Minister of Human Settlements Bonginkosi Madikizela and various councillors handed over five houses to elderly beneficiaries of Mshenxiswa Village in Zwelihle.



head and to know it belongs to me," Mzwandile said. He thanked everyone involved in the process of making it possible for him to receive a house.

The elderly couple Wellington and Siyo Varoyi could barely contain their joy when opening the door to their new home. Nolovile Manqeza, Van and Novusile Ndzule, and Mfundo and Alvet Sithetho were just as delighted when they received the keys to their homes. They said it was a joyful day they had been waiting for a long time.

During his welcome address, Mayor Smith urged owners to "look after this newly built house by taking good care of it - it is now your property and you have to take responsibility for it".

Mayor Smith asked the housing recipients not to sell their houses. "If you sell it, it will be a great loss to you and your future generation. I am pleased that the beneficiaries will now have a place that they can, with pride, call home. At long last you and your children have a safe place to go to at night and you are not dependent on family and friends in times of bad weather," he said.

He also paid tribute to his predecessor Ald Nicolette Botha-Guthrie and thanked the minister, councillors, ward committees, social compact committees and community for their cooperation and all the work done to improve the quality of life for these new residents.

NEW HOUSES BRING JOY TO FAMILIES

Residents of Mshenxiswa Village, formerly known as the 'Garden Site' Housing Project in Zwelihle, celebrated when receiving their long-awaited homes from Overstrand Western Cape MEC for Human Settlements, Hon Bonginkosi Madikizela and Overstrand Mayor Ald Rudolph Smith on 7 February 2017.

As part of a bigger project to upgrade seven informal settlements in Zwelihle, this housing development project consists of 58 high-density units at a cost of R11 million. It is the first high-density residential area of its type in the Overstrand and took 18 months to complete.

The new residents can at last call these 40 m² houses 'home' - one with an open-plan kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom, as well as a yard.

Mr Lusiba Mzwandile applied for a housing subsidy 30 years ago and now, at 71 years old, has become a home owner for the very first time. "I feel blessed to have a proper roof over my

'House keys open up a variety of avenues to a better future'

In his keynote address Minister Madikizela said the current housing backlog for the Western Cape is huge - and growing - as more and more people come to this province for a better, safer life and the possibility of work opportunities.

"Given the budget, we will continue to make every effort to ensure that more housing opportunities are made available and allocated to the most deserving people first - but we have to ensure, when allocating houses, that the correct people get them".

Housing delivery is not a stand-alone strategy and is also an inherently slow process. "While building houses, we have also started servicing informal settlements to ensure improved living conditions for everyone who chooses to live in the Western Cape," stated Madikizela.

In most informal settlements, residents face a range of basic life challenges, including poor access to basic sanitation and water supply, solid waste accumulation, and recurrent shack fires.

"Keys open a variety of avenues to a better future. And we are aware that taxpayers, people earning between R3 000 and R15 000 per month who are contributing to the economy, do not qualify for free housing and that they also do not qualify for a bank loan.

"So it is not just about building houses, but also about transferring land to people. We want as many people as possible to be given the opportunity to own property.

"That is why we cannot force people not to sell their property - especially now that the property industry is booming and we encourage people to become players in the property market.

"BUT, people must understand the VALUE of the house and we need to talk about this and educate all residents. New home owners must ensure that they know the value of their houses before they decide to sell them.

"I've just come from a visit where one house was sold to two different parties," added Madikizela. "We also cannot have people selling their houses for R10 000 and going back to a shack. Then you are in a far worse situation than you were before."

The Mshenxiswa Village housing handover marks the completion of phase 1 of the Upgrading of Informal Settlements Project (UISP). It further incorporates the construction of 'Breaking New Ground' (BNG) top structures on three greenfield sites, namely Mshenxiswa Village (58 units), Site C2 along Swartdam Road (132 units) and the Housing Admin Site in Stil Street (164 units).



Nolovile Manqeza seems somewhat overwhelmed by the occasion of officially receiving her own home. With her are MEC Bonginkosi Madikizela and Mayor Rudolph Smith.



Mfundo Mpepe Sithetho and his wife Alvet with Mayor Rudolph Smith and Deputy Mayor Dudley Coetzee.

INVITATION TO EXPO ON WASTE



Whale Coast Conservation (an NGO supported by the Overstrand Municipality) is launching a 2-month-long programme on 'waste'. It aims to make residents aware of the problems caused by waste and the cost of disposing of it. It will also provide useful tips on how you can reduce the waste you create.

The campaign will be launched at a day-long event on Wednesday 1 March 2017 (09:00 to 16:00) in the Foyer of the Municipal Auditorium. Experts will present the facts about waste and how to reduce it. The presentations and demonstrations will be suitable for both youngsters and adults. All are welcome at no charge. The event is funded by the National Lotteries Commission. Tea and coffee will be served. For more information contact Whale Coast Conservation 028 316 2527 or wcc.greenhouse@gmail.com or anina.wcc@gmail.com.

The great tsunami of plastic along our coastline



Washed out along our coasts in stark reality, the plastic pollution displayed for all to see is only a foretaste of a more frightening and already unfolding story further away in the oceans of our world.

As someone who walks the cliff paths and assists in beach clean-ups, I can sadly say that the situation regarding marine debris is only getting worse, much worse.

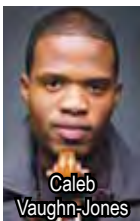
While we might be horrified at the plastic litter along some of our coasts, it is just an example of what may lie ahead when considering the reports on the coastlines of India, Hawaii and Indonesia, for example.

You may be aware that 85 to 90% of marine litter is plastic, and when taking into account that plastic only became a serious commodity in the 1950s, the resulting plague caused by plastic is quite horrendous.

About 300 million tons of plastic are produced each year, of which 50% is what is called single-use plastic. That is what we should be aiming to reduce - radically. Annually, eight million tons of plastic end up in the oceans where it slowly breaks down over a long period of time into small confetti type pieces. These nurdles, as they are called, slowly release toxins into the sea water, causing further pollution. Birds and fish eat the brightly coloured nurdles, mistaking them for food and, as you probably guessed, it is humans at the top of the food chain who are actually eating their own discarded plastic waste. How ironic is that?

What can you do? Choose alternatives to plastic such as glass, hemp, bamboo and sugar cane products. Refuse to buy overpackaged goods, buy loose fruit and vegetables, avoid polystyrene at fast food joints and dispose of your litter in a responsible manner; recycling where possible. For more ideas and facts, visit the Facebook pages of 'Rethink Single-Use Plastics', 'Reduce waste to landfill' and 'Blight of Plastic'.

OVERSTRAND ARTS/KUNSTE OFFERS TWO CONCERTS DURING MARCH.



Caleb Vaughn-Jones



Firstly, on Friday night, 17th, at 19:00 an unusual trio concert setting where the warmth of a blend of viola and cello will contrast with the piano. Polish pianist, Joanna Wicherek, American Caleb Vaughn-Jones (cellist) and South African Nicholas James Fidler (viola) will play Brahms' virtuosic Trio Op. 114 and Alexey Kurbatov's Trio for viola, cello and piano op.31 among others.

On Sunday afternoon, 26th, at 15:30 you can see actress Ilne Fourie on stage in *Sharrap, en eet jou kos!* - a one-woman Afrikaans comedy when the mickey will be taken out of the clients she has served as a waitress. Don't miss this hilarious show! Both concerts will be held in the Civic Auditorium. Ring BELLINI on 028 312 4988 to book tickets (R130 and R60 for students). Phone René du Plooy on 082 940 4238 for further enquiries.



Nick Fidler



Joanna Wicherek