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Bulletin

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Tata Mandela Personified

A TAPESTRY OF OVERSTRAND'S DEDICATION TO A TRUE LEADER



Overstrand Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie and Councillors

On 18 July 2014, Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie proudly unveiled a mosaic mural of President Nelson Mandela. This was the effort of two young men, Raphael and Phambili, from Zwelihle. They were determined to bring the beloved face of the father of our nation, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, to life and painstakingly created a tapestry by laying one mosaic tile after another in an attempt to capture the true essence of Tata Mandela. Their effort underlines the lengths that the people of Overstrand are prepared to go to in an attempt to capture the true Madiba spirit, Botha-Guthrie said when she officially

unveiled this tribute.

Rather fittingly, too, members of both Senior and Junior Council devoted their 67 minutes on Mandela Day to add a tapestry of colour to people's lives:

- Gloves and scarves knitted by members of the whole Overstrand community from wool donated from the Mayoral fund, were distributed amongst learners at three primary schools in previously disadvantaged communities;
- Knitted *Mother Teresa* sets donated by a member of the community, were distributed at the provincial hospital;
- Children attending crèches throughout the area were handed jerseys in colours guaranteed to brighten up any day; and
- Wonderbags (non-electric, heat-retention cookers) were distributed amongst communities in Westdene, Mt Pleasant, Over Hills, Mooi Uitsig, Zwelihle and Hawston, to mention but a few.

All round, everyone joined in the spirit of giving and sharing so typical of this rainbow nation. May we always remember the legacy of Madiba and make it our business to brighten up the lives of those who need it most.



Gloves and scarves in readiness for delivery

REHABILITATION AND RESEALING OF OVERSTRAND ROADS TO COMMENCE SOON



used for strategic planning and budgeting purposes as well as to prioritise road maintenance work.

Following a tender process, Amandla GCF Construction cc has been appointed to resurface and rehabilitate roads in Overstrand for

The total length of the surfaced road network in Overstrand is 482 km. In order to maintain these roads, the Municipality utilises a pavement management system that requires each road segment to be assessed visually bi-annually. Information thus collected, is then

the contract period ending 31 March 2016 at a cost of around R39 million (spanning both the 2014/15 and 2015/16 fiscal years).

It is estimated that approximately 20 km of roads will be resealed during the current financial year, and work is to commence during September 2014 in the Kleinmond area, followed by Gansbaai/Stanford and Hermanus.

Advertisements in local newspapers will keep residents abreast of the work schedule, while those affected by street closures will be notified prior to resealing by the contractor.

Road works could cause some temporary inconvenience to residents, but everything possible will be done to keep this to a minimum with precautionary measures being instituted to ensure the safety of the general public as well as construction personnel.

Nevertheless, Overstrand Municipality appeals to all concerned to exercise a bit of patience while work to improve our road network is underway.

SPORT HARNESSSED AS A VEHICLE TO IMPROVE THE YOUTH'S EMPLOYABILITY



Lean Terblanche, Michael Lutzeyer Grootbos Foundation; Lurette Rudolph, Andy de la Mare ABSA; Mayor Overstrand Municipality Nicolette Botha-Guthrie

With the commissioning of the upgraded gymnasium facility at the multi-million sports centre in Gansbaai on Wednesday, 16 July 2014, one of the sponsors, ABSA, had yet more exciting news to share with Overstrand's youth: the launching of an employability and enterprise development programme aimed at empowering young people to become the business leaders of tomorrow.

ABSA spokesperson, Andy de la Mare, said the programme is intended to empower young people to the extent that they will be able to create their own jobs and, in so doing, to become independent. To this

end, the programme will not only focus on teaching Maths and career skills but also help people to establish themselves.

According to De la Mare, "sport improves one's behaviour" and helps to "build a healthy body and mind," which makes this the ideal vehicle to promote youth development. This notion was supported by the Western Cape's MEC for Cultural Affairs and Sport, Dr Nomafrench Mbombo, who, in her address stressed that children ought to be encouraged at home to participate in sport, as "a sport loving child is a winner!"

In her welcoming address, Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie acknowledged the remarkable commitment of all four partners - Overstrand Municipality, Barclays through ABSA, the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport and the Grootbos Foundation - who through the years have worked relentlessly to make the 'Spaces for Sport' programme the success it is today.

Admitting that completion of the envisaged master plan for the development of the Gansbaai Sports Centre at an estimated cost of R130m is still a long way off, she nevertheless reiterated that "the positive changes in attitude and lifestyle of young children who participate in sports programmes is the most rewarding experience anyone could ask for".

To date, in addition to the newly upgraded gym, the centre boasts the first artificial grass soccer field in South Africa, a cricket pitch with practice nets, two tennis/basketball/netball courts and a club house with cloakrooms and public ablution facilities.

CONCERNS REGARDING BABOON MONITORING PUT TO REST

Thanks to Working for the Coast, an initiative of the Extended Public Works Programme (EPWP), the programme to monitor baboons is back on track.

Working for the Coast, under the auspices of the implementation agent Milongani Eco-consulting, has agreed to administer and partially fund this programme after Overstrand Municipality has decided to discontinue the programme as from 30 June.

In future, the monitors' uniforms, a branded green overall with distinguishing headgear, will

be funded by Working for the Coast who will also compensate the monitors working in shifts from around 06:00 till 20:00 in summer and around 07:00 till 19:00 in winter. (Details on the exact hours baboon monitors will be operational in your area can be obtained from your nearest municipal office.)

In turn, Overstrand undertook to provide transport as well as the necessary equipment, such as paint-ball markers and bear bangers, and to man a 24/7 hotline where any

baboon-related incidents can be reported.

Residents should please be advised that the newly-appointed team of baboon monitors are still in training. Thus a bit of patience while we get this vital service up and running again will be appreciated.

Nevertheless, any transgressions, i.e. monitors gaining access to properties unlawfully or throwing rocks at baboons as a means to deter them, should be reported to the baboon hotline or the municipality's control room as a matter of urgency: **028 313 8000 or 028 313 8111**.

PARKING IN THE HERMANUS CBD – THE INS AND OUTS



Tania Gurha and Eric May

Parking service wardens, dressed in black and wearing an orange bib, oversee parking in the Hermanus CBD on weekdays from 08:30 till 16:15 and on Saturdays from 08:30 till 13:00. They work under the supervision of three supervisors, also dressed in black but wearing sky-blue bibs. As parking in the CBD is free on public holidays, parking wardens do not work on these days.

The public who make use of parking facilities in the CBD should please take note of the following general rules:

- Even if you park your vehicle before 08:30, you will still be required to pay.
- From 08:30 onwards, you will be required to pay upfront for parking and will be handed a slip as proof of payment. Note though, that no change will be given should you not remain parked for the full duration of the minutes for which you have paid.
- Every time you move your vehicle, you will be required to pay again, even if the time for the previous bay has not yet expired.
- There are **no free minutes**.
- Disabled people also have to pay to make use of our parking bays.

Tariffs range from a minimum of R1 for 15 minutes to a maximum of R28 for up to eight hours.

Please report any complaints regarding parking services to Ingrid Mordiva on **028 313 5020**

BUDDING BEAUTY...

Bedecked in perennials, this traffic circle is just about ready to welcome Spring!

To truly get to grips with "flower power" though, be sure not to miss the **annual flower show** and an **expo** with the theme "Exploring Energy", hosted by Whale Coast Conservation, at the Fernkloof Nature Reserve from 25 to 28 September. Both the show and the expo will be open daily from 09:00 till 16:30. Entrance costs R20 for adults and is free for children under 12.



Flower bed at Voëlklip circle

Overberg Eisteddfod Prestige Concert

COME AND ENJOY THE CREAM OF THE CROP



On Wednesday, 17 September 2014, Overstranders will once again have the opportunity to see Overberg's top young talent in action on stage in the Civic Auditorium, Hermanus. Winners in each age group and category will have the opportunity to perform their item, whereafter the overall winner will be announced. The concert starts at 19:00, and bookings can be made at **BELLINI GALLERY, 028 312 4988**. For further enquiries, call **René du Plooy on 082 940 4238**.