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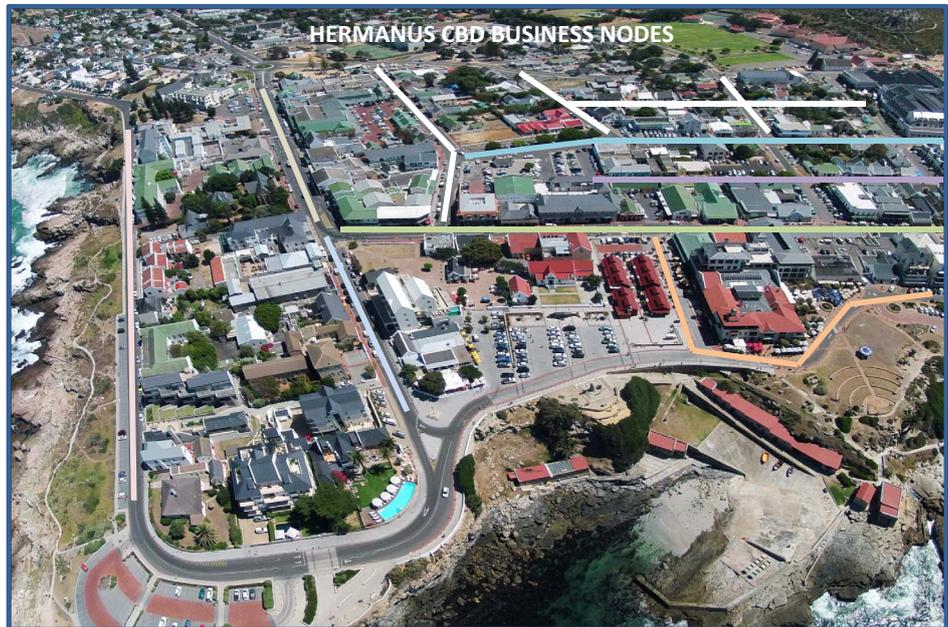
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## PLANS TO REVITALISE HERMANUS CBD

The Overstrand Municipality supports the initiatives of the Hermanus CBD Revitalisation Project which was launched by CBD property and business owners at the end of 2012. The project aims to uplift and maximise the potential of the Hermanus CBD, demarcated by eight business nodes, for the continuing future prosperity of business and the public of Hermanus.

The 25 business node representatives for the project had their first meetings in December last year in pursuit of their first short-term goal – to position the Hermanus CBD as the best village experience in the Western Cape for residents and visitors by 2016. This includes initiatives to spruce up tired looking areas in the CBD, affix appropriate and user-friendly signage, ensure attractive shop fronts and alleyways, assure correct tenant mix and facilitate good customer care practices like exemplary service, competitive pricing and visitor-friendly shopping hours.

The Hermanus CBD Forum, which will govern the initiatives of the Revitalisation Project, will be constituted early in 2013. The Forum will consist of CBD property and business owners, Overstrand Municipality officials and councillors, representatives from tourism, the SAPS and individuals with specific skills.



<b>A</b> Main Road South	<b>C</b> Marine Drive South	<b>E</b> High Street	<b>G</b> Long, Aberdeen, Dirkie Uys, Hope Streets
<b>B</b> Main Road East	<b>D</b> Harbour Road	<b>F</b> Mitchell Street	<b>H</b> Village & Market Square

## CBD PARKING MANAGEMENT ESSENTIAL

While many compliments have been received for the new parking system in Hermanus that has been in operation since September 2012, it is apparent that there are still areas of concern that need clarification.

By the nature of this pilot project one may see new faces as the parking wardens are rotated between the various precincts (demarcated parking areas) but neither the collection procedures nor the tariffs have changed.

The system has been simplified in a number of ways:

1. **The parking wardens are clearly distinguishable. They wear an orange bib with the municipal logo and identikit on the front of their bib.**

2. **Motorists are required to pay for their parking up-front.** Although this system has been in practice since 2011 it was enforced in September 2012.

3. **Motorists may purchase several hours parking at a time.**

4. **The Parking Wardens must issue a receipt for all cash received and they may not accept tips.** Receipts must then be displayed on the left side of the vehicle's dashboard. It is important for motorists to note whether the correct information has been captured on their receipts e.g. their vehicle's registration number and the amount of time registered in relation to their



**TOP PERFORMING WARDENS:** Recognition was given to the top performing parking wardens during the quarter from September to November 2012 at a ceremony on Friday, 11 January 2013. From left are Paul Pfister, Project Manager, Richard van Heerden (second), Sakhiwo Sineyi (3rd), Neville Michaels, Director of Public Protection, Bongani Mvumbi (4th), Rudi Fraser, Traffic Chief and Mtombombzi Sylvia Nkwenkwezi, the top performer.

purchase.

Whilst the Parking Wardens are required to 'be present and assist' motorists during the official

collection times, as advertised, the onus is upon the motorists to pay for their parking should the wardens be unable to attend to them immediately for some reason.

# WATER QUALITY AT MUNICIPAL SCHEMES

## Drinking Water Quality: July 2012 - October 2012

Description of test	Unit	Standard per SANS 0241 Class 1	Standard per SANS 0241 Class 2	Average test results for potable water test samples at:							
				Buffelsrivier	Kleinmond	Hermanus	Stanford	Gansbaai	Pearly Beach	Baardskeerdersbos	Buffel-jagsbaai
pH	(pH)	5.0-9.5	4.0-10.0	8,8	8,7	8,7	7,8	7,5	7,8	6,2	7,7
Electrical conductivity	(mS/m)	<150	150-370	32	25,7	50,3	53,4	107,7	46,5	36	111
Turbidity	(NTU)	<1	1-5	0,3	0,4	1,9	0,3	0,4	0,3	1,3	2
Colour	(mg/l as Pt)	<20	20-50	4,5	2,5	6	1,5	4	15,8	45,9	8
Calcium	(mg/l as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	<150	150-300	3,5	19,8	21,9	89,3	20,8	16,4	6	<150
Chloride	(mg/l as Cl)	<200	200-600	<200	<200	<200	<200	200	<200	<200	247
Fluoride	(mg/l as F)	<1.0	1.0-1.5	0,1	0,1	0,2	0,1	0,3	0,1	0,2	<1.0
Total dissolved solids	(mg/l)	<1000	1000-2000	227,5	212,5	380	510	790	345	285	<1000
Iron	(µg/l as Fe)	<200	200-2000	12,5	35	93,3	17,5	22,5	20	570	122,5
Manganese	(µg/l as Mn)	<100	100-1000	40	40	40	40	40	40	60	40
Aluminium	(µg/l as Al)	<300	300-500	38,5	32	284,7	15,5	93,5	43,5	555	37
E.coli	(count/100ml)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

The Department of Water Affairs (DWA) recommends that municipalities publish information on the quality of drinking water supplied to consumers as well as waste water effluent quality results from time to time.

Water quality is measured against code 0241 set by the South African National Standards (SANS) for drinking water. SANS's Class I standards can be regarded as the ideal quality for drinking water, while SANS Class II water can still be regarded as fit for human consumption, but with the proviso that it should be attended to over the long term.

On the accompanying drinking water quality table the average scores attained by Overstrand Municipality's eight water schemes over four months can be seen. Water samples are collected monthly from 55 points and sent to accredited laboratories for analysis. Thirteen different bacteriological, chemical and physical parameters are measured regularly.

Overstrand Municipality's water quality is of an outstanding quality, with 93% of the average results complying with Class I standards, a further 5% with Class II, and only a 2% aesthetic parameter falling outside the Class II standard. Upgrades currently being planned or already in process include the Preekstoel water purification works in Hermanus, a new water purification plant at Baardskeerdersbos and the commissioning of new boreholes at Hermanus.

When the drinking water quality does not comply with SANS 0241, corrections are made at the water purification works or in the reticulation network. The drinking water quality is then retested against the SANS 0241 limits for compliance. The drinking water quality table includes all samples tested, including the samples that did not comply with SANS 0241 during the four month period.

Waste water effluent quality is measured against standards set by DWA,

## Quality of final effluent from waste-water treatment works

Description of test	Unit	DWA General Authorisation Standards	Average test results for final effluent test samples at:				
			Gansbaai	Hawston	Hermanus	Kleinmond	Stanford
pH	(pH)	5.5-9.5	6,3	8,2	7,6	7,2	7,6
Settleable solids	(ml/l)	-	0	0	0	0	0
Electrical conductivity	(mS/m)	150	148.8	164.3	162.5	77	135.8
Faecal coliform bacteria	count/100ml	1000	96.5	14,3	47,5	1667	497,5
Chemical oxygen demand	(mg/l)	75 Max	32	96,1	47,7	47,1	52,7
Ammonia nitrogen	(mg/l as N)	6 Max	0,3	1,7	2,3	7,2	2,9
Nitrate nitrogen	(mg/l as N)	15 Max	19,2	11,2	6,7	13,3	14
Nitrite nitrogen	(mg/l as N)	15 Max	0,1	0,2	0,1	0,1	0,4
Total suspended solids	(mg/l)	25 Max	4	8	4,3	6,5	7,3
Ortho-phosphate	(mg/l as P)	10 Max	3	9,3	2,7	4,7	6,2
Dissolved oxygen	(mg/l)	-	-	6,3	-	-	-

which are classified as either General Standards, or Special Standards. At all 5 Overstrand Municipality's waste water treatment plants, the General Standards are applied by DWA.

The table for waste water treatment illustrates Overstrand Municipality's average effluent quality parameter measurements at the 5 treatment plants over 4 months, compared with the General Standards of DWA. Samples are taken for analysis on a monthly basis by accredited laboratories.

Overstrand Municipality's final waste water effluent quality complies with the General Standard in the case of 87.3% of the average measurements. Improvement projects are currently in progress at all the waste water treatment plants. When the final effluent quality does not comply with the General Standards, corrections are made at the treatment works. The final effluent quality is then retested against the General Standards for compliance. The effluent quality table includes all samples tested, including samples that did not comply with the General Standards.



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## A WORLD CLASS EVENT

Just under 900 multi-sport athletes and sport enthusiasts were seen in action on Saturday, 12 January 2013 at the 11th annual Totalsports Challenge that started in Gordon's Bay and finished in Kleinmond. Due to windy weather conditions experienced in Gordon's Bay, the 12km surfski discipline had to be cancelled, but this did not detract from the much anticipated battle between endurance athletes Dan Hugo and Stuart Marais, who did all the legs of the relay consisting of a 1.5km swim, 50km road bike (from Gordon's Bay to Kleinmond), 13km road run, 13km K1 canoe, 25km mountain bike and finally a 9km beach run. Athletes could enter in two, three or seven member teams. There is also a land based option, called the Totalsports Terra Firma Challenge. Marais crossed the finish line first in an impressive time of 5:13:30. According to Marais the Totalsports Challenge is a world class event with an amazing vibe. The event was attended by (from left) Soli Madikane, Director of Economic Development at Overstrand Municipality, Overstrand Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie, Kevin Lodge of Top Events, Jacky McClean of Stillwater Sport & Entertainment, and Suné Greeff, Overstrand's Tourism Manager.

## SARS IN AREA

Please note that SARS will visit the Overstrand area for all SARS related enquiries such as tax clearance, status checks and tax returns on the following dates: 5 February 2013, 5 March 2013, 8 April 2013, 7 May 2013 and 4 June 2013. Venue: Harmony Square Building on the Overstrand Municipal Campus in Hermanus. Time: 09h00 until 15h00 Enquiries may be directed to Nawaal van Rooy at [NvanRooy@sars.gov.za](mailto:NvanRooy@sars.gov.za).

## OAK CONCERTS 2013

OAK offers recitals by international and local artists right here in the Overstrand

- 10 Feb Zappa Mainolfi Duo - Cello/Piano
- 15 Feb Karlsruher Duo - Cello/Piano Duo
- 1 March Evening of Flamenco Song and Dance
- 2 March Wolf and Temmingh - Lute and Recorder

Book at BELLINI on 028 312 4988. Enquiries to Secretary, René du Plooy on 082 940 4238.