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# Bulletin

Official newsletter of the Overstrand Municipality

## CLINICS TRANSFERRED

### UPGRADING AND EXTENSION OF FACILITIES PLANNED

In April Council gave approval in principle for the donation of three clinics situated on municipal land to the Department of Public Works. The clinics affected, are those of Gansbaai (erf 3904 of 6000 m2), Hawston (erf 2203 of 1351 m2) and Kleinmond (erf 7699 of 927 m2).

Cognisance was taken that these particular properties are not needed for the delivery of basic municipal services and that in the case of Gansbaai an application for the rezoning of the land must be submitted or the land will fall back to the Municipality.

This step was taken in terms of an agreement reached between the Western Cape Provincial Government and the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) that the primary health care services be transferred to the Province with the understanding that they will also take over all assets and liabilities. The understanding was that immovable property will be donated to the Department of Transport and Public Works.

It has become necessary to do the transfer now as the Department of Health is planning to upgrade and extend the facilities concerned. In Gansbaai a sustainable primary health care facility valued at R11 million will be developed in co-operation with the Desmond Tutu TB Centre. This facility will serve as a model for this type of service in South Africa. However, the rezoning of the property from authority use to institutional use will be necessary.

The total value of the properties amount to R1,725 million according to an independent valuer. All costs pertaining to surveying, formal notices, valuation, rezoning, etc, will be carried by the Department of Transport and Public Works.

According to the report before Council these transactions will have major advantages for the community in terms of the levying of rates and service tariffs, jobs creation during the upgrading projects and the improvement of quality of life and general health.

## NEW DIRECTOR OF FINANCE APPOINTED

The appointment of Mrs Santie Reyneke-Naudé as Overstrand Municipality's next Director of Finance was approved unanimously by Council at the end April.

Mrs Reyneke-Naudé took over from the previous incumbent, Mr Henk Kleinloog, who retired end of May at the age of 65.

Until now she was Senior Manager of Expenditure and Assets at Overstrand Municipality, a position that she took up on 1 April 2009. Previously she occupied senior financial positions at the municipalities of Stellenbosch and Middelburg (Mpumalanga).

Her academic qualifications include an MBA (2007) and a B.Comm in Accounting (1988), from the North-West University at Potchefstroom as well as a Certificate in Municipal Financial Management from the University of Pretoria.

Mrs Reyneke-Naudé is a member of the Institute of Municipal Financial Officials and has been chairperson of the Western Cape branch since October 2010.



Santie Reyneke-Naudé

## JUNIOR COUNCILLORS TAKEN ON ORIENTATION TOUR



Overstrand's Junior Town Council visited municipal infrastructure and facilities as part of their annual orientation in the Hermanus vicinity on Tuesday, 16 April 2013 and Stanford and Gansbaai on Tuesday, 7 May 2013. The group of 35 are learners at Hermanus High, Qhayiya Secondary (Zwelihle), Hawston Secondary, Gansbaai Academia, Curro Private School and Northcliff House College (both Hermanus). Here they visited the Zwelihle Taxi Hub and pictured with Mr Xolile Kosi (left), Economic Development Manager, and Ms Unity Mtomile (right), the new manager of the Junior Council from Enlighten Education Trust who drives the project in conjunction with Overstrand Municipality. (Photo: Noluthando Zweni)

## NEW FIRE CHIEF



Lester Smith (40) was appointed as Chief of Fire Brigade Services and Disaster Management on 1 April 2013. He hails from the Eden District Municipality, where he was chief fire officer, but has also served at various other municipalities in different fire fighting roles during the past twenty years.

Lester Smith

His qualifications include the Higher Diploma in Fire Technology and Training as Fire Instructor, Advanced Fire Safety and Fire Investigator, as well as Assessor, Facilitator, Moderator and Verifier for the Local Government SETA.

On completion of the Higher Certificate in Fire Technology in 1998 he received the George Angus Trophy for the best average in management and administration in South Africa and in 2000 he was awarded the Dries Lombaard Trophy for the highest average in the same subject during his studies for the Higher Diploma in Fire Technology.

Cognisance was taken by Council at the end of April of the review of the Fire Services Management Plan, which is regarded as a working document that reflects the current situation of the fire service in terms of the SANS Code for Community Protection against Fire, but also indicates what is needed for the next four years to ensure effective management and improvement to address and control possible risks.

## UPDATE ON WASTE DISPOSAL

As previously reported, the Regional Waste Disposal Facility at Karwyderskraal, which is owned and operated by the Overberg District Municipality (ODM), was closed during November 2011.

This was due to the fact that the existing waste cell was full and that the ODM could not raise an affordable loan to finance the construction of a new cell. The loan they were able to secure, would have resulted in a 30% increase in waste disposal tariffs, which was rejected by the two local municipalities (Overstrand and Theewaterskloof) using the facility.

As a result, the two local municipalities urgently had to make alternative arrangements to dispose of the waste normally disposed of at Karwyderskraal.

The only option open to the Overstrand Municipality was to dispose of the waste at the Gansbaai Landfill Site, the only other available permitted waste disposal facility in its area.

The two local municipalities have been in negotiations with ODM since before the closure of Karwyderskraal to try and facilitate the speedy resolution of this very unsatisfactory situation.

The Gansbaai Landfill Site is operated strictly in accordance with its permit conditions. One of the conditions is that an annual audit of the management and operation of the site be performed by an independent, external auditor. The results of the latest audit were presented to the Gansbaai Solid Waste Monitoring Committee on 16 May 2013.

## BEAUTIFICATION OF R43

The Overstrand Municipality shares the concern of residents about the beautification of the R43 and entrance to Hermanus.

These issues were taken up at several levels with the project management team and the construction company Vuzela Construction by the ward councillor, Ms Lianda Beyers-Cronjé, and municipal officials and from that the following transpired:

- The paving of certain portions of the median traffic island is necessary because of traffic safety and visibility.
- A total of 26 White Pear trees (*Apodytes dimidiata*) will be planted between Schulphoek Boulevard and Malva Street in Mt Pleasant.
- Vuzela Construction, in collaboration with Lauren Rainbird, the Overstrand Municipality's horticulturist, will also plant water wise and evergreen shrubs along the entire new palisade fence in Mt Pleasant.
- Ground covers will be planted on the retaining walls next to the mountain slopes.

"We are limited to what we can do about the greening of the entrance to Hermanus by current budget constraints and we have to abide by road safety regulations, but we will always keep an eye open for more opportunities to enhance the appearance of the road as main entrance to Hermanus," Cllr Beyers-Cronjé has said.

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## RAISING OF NEW EXTERNAL LOANS

Council approved a loan agreement with ABSA Bank to raise external loans amounting to R120 million for the 2012/2013, 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 financial years and authorised the Municipal Manager, Mr Coenie Groenewald, to sign the necessary agreements and documents in this regard.

The raising of the loan was approved as part of the current financial year's budgeting process in order to finance

infrastructure projects relating to electricity, water, sewage and waste management services.

Proposals were called for from prospective tenders in terms of sections 3 and 4 of the Municipal Regulations on Debt Disclosure.

The total amount will be taken up as four different loans of which three will be over a period of fifteen years and one over seven years.

## FEMALE ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROMOTED



The Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry, Mrs. Elizabeth Thabethe, spoke at a networking event for Overstrand's female entrepreneurs on 17 April 2012. More than 60 people attended the workshop co-hosted by the municipality's Local Economic Development Department (LED) and the South African Women Entrepreneurial Network (SAWEN). In front from left are Julia Medlise, Secretary of SAWEN Western Cape, Gadija Kasu, Treasurer of SAWEN WC, Ms Thabethe, Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie, Norma Witten, Chairperson of SAWEN WC, and Engy Litsone (SAWEN). Behind them from left are Solomzi Madikane, the municipality's Director of Local Economic Development, and Coenie Groenewald, Municipal Manager. For more information on SAWEN and SMME development programmes contact Jolanda Hendricks at: 028 313 8928. (Photo: Noluthando Zweni)

## PROCUREMENT AND COMPLIANCE WORKSHOP FOR INFORMAL TRADERS

The Department of Local Economic Development (LED) of Overstrand Municipality together with Western Cape Department of Local Economic Development & Tourism is hosting a Procurement and Compliance Workshop for Informal Traders.

Objectives are to assist informal traders pertaining to compliance, capacity building, creating a network opportunities and helping them form linkages. Critical

stakeholders will do presentations with information.

This workshop will take place in the Auditorium of the Overstrand Civic Centre in Hermanus on 20 June 2013 from 08:30 to 14:00.

All small traders are invited to participate, but limited seats are available. To confirm attendance please RSVP by 15 June 2013 with Jolanda Hendricks at **028 313 8928** or e-mail: [jhendricks@overstrand.gov.za](mailto:jhendricks@overstrand.gov.za)

## RUSSIAN PIANIST WILL AMAZE OVERSTRAND AGAIN!

OAK will present a recital by the amazing Russian pianist, Vassily Primakov, on Sunday afternoon, 23 June, at 15:30 in the Civic Auditorium. Primakov, who is returning for a second visit to Hermanus, will play works by Chopin, Scriabin, Rachmaninoff and a piano sonata by South African Composer Braam van Eeden.

**Tickets are R100 (R50). Book at BELLINI GALLERY on 028 312 4988. Enquiries to Secretary, René du Plooy, on 082 312 4988.**

