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Bulletin

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MAYORAL COUPLE TAKES THEIR LEAVE AFTER FOUR YEARS

The gap that is left as a result of the departure of Overstrand's mayoral couple, Theo and Marianné Beyleveldt, makes it hard to believe that they have been in office for little more than four years.

During this time, Theo made his mark as the driving force behind the growth and development that have been accomplished in terms of municipal infrastructure in Overstrand, while Marianné with her unfailing community involvement warmed the hearts of many Overstranders.

Since Theo has been elected to the municipal council and as executive mayor in 2006, more than R740 million has been ploughed into capital projects relating to electrification, water provisioning, sewerage and solid waste management. The world-first with the Nereda sewerage purification works in Gansbaai and the eventual realisation of the Hermanus relief road will be remembered for many years to come. The annual operating

budget grew from R270 million (2006/7) to R708 million (2010/11), and the staff complement was also expanded considerably in order to enhance service delivery. The multiplying effect this has had on the local economy can hardly be estimated.

Yet, he and Marianné had a generous heart for the needy and pioneering work followed in terms of caring for foster children and providing pre-school education in Overstrand.

Theo has been called upon to represent the Democratic Alliance in the National Council of Provinces with effect from October this year and has vacated his offices as Executive Mayor and proportional councillor following on the council meeting on 29 September 2010.

In the interim, the Democratic Alliance designated Ms Nicolette Guthrie-Botha, who will be replacing Theo as proportional representative in the Council, as its prefe-



Theo and Marianné Beyleveldt

rential candidate for the mayoral election later in October.

Theo and Marianné will continue to reside in Overstrand and will still be making contributions wherever they can.

WELLFIELDS PROJECT SECURES WATER FLOW

With less than normal rainfall so far this year and dam levels not where we would like it to be, the progress with the development of groundwater wellfields in the vicinity of Hermanus is providing some peace of mind.

The latest development is the drilling of a new monitoring borehole that will complement the existing measuring and monitoring system of the Overstrand Municipality's groundwater programme.

Groundwater can be described as water found underground in porous sandy and shale strata as well as and in the fractures and fissures of rock formations. Where this groundwater occurs in reasonable quantities, it is referred to as an aquifer.

The Gateway wellfield in Hermanus, which currently yields 1.6 million cubic metres of high quality groundwater annually, was officially handed over by Umvoto Africa groundwater consultancy to the Overstrand Municipality on 4 May this year. The wellfield forms part of the municipality's strategy to simultaneously harness new water sources under its Water Source Development Programme and to conserve existing water supplies as far as possible.

Umvoto Africa will continue to support the municipality with the management and maintenance of the wellfield. Umvoto hydrogeologist Helen Seyler said there are already a number of monitoring boreholes in place. Some are used to monitor the deep Peninsula Aquifer (from which the water is drawn), while others test an overlying shallow aquifer. The new monitoring borehole will be situated south of a major fault and will determine if there is a connection across the fault with the deep Peninsula Aquifer.



Municipal Manager Werner Zybrands and Stephen Muller, director of infrastructure and planning, at the new recycling plant in Hermanus.

RECYCLING PLANT OPENED

Hermanus' ultramodern recycling plant was commissioned by the Mayor, Cllr Theo Beyleveldt, on 12 August 2010.

This plant, which has been developed at a cost of approximately R4 million over a period of two years, offers huge benefits in terms of improved working conditions for recyclers and savings on the costs of handling solid waste.

It comprises a recycling structure which was erected at a cost of R2 million in the 2008/9 financial year and a conveyor-belt construction which was installed at the same cost in the 2009/10 financial year.

The plant is the end result of a protracted process. As is the case in most towns, in the past, recyclable articles were picked up by primarily women on the old dumping site and then sold to a recycling firm.

When this site was decommissioned, the municipality

realised that many families will now be without an income. A concrete slab was installed at the transfer station to enable women to still work through the black bags to retrieve usable material.

"This was not the ideal situation since, if the wind blew, papers and plastic bags were blown all over the place," Johan said. This then led to the construction of the shed.

The recycling plant will be managed by Walker Bay Recycling following on their successful tender. The tender stipulates, amongst others, that workers should be paid a minimum wage as provided for by law.

Walker Bay Recycling has a long-standing working partnership with Overstrand Municipality since 1995 and their cooperation is excellent. It is important for a municipality to establish working relationships with organisations which can be sustained, Van Taak said.

OVERSTRAND WARDS RE-DELIMITATED

The re-delimitation of wards in Overstrand with a view to the local elections in 2011 has been completed and confirmed by the Municipal Demarcation Board. Details of the new wards were announced in the Provincial Gazette of the Western Cape on 19 July 2010.

Earlier, it was announced that Overstrand's municipal council will be enlarged to 25 members. Currently, there are 19. The number of wards increased to 13 and the balance will be proportional representatives of the respective political parties.

The most important norm used to determine ward boundaries was to divide the number of voters by the number of wards. (For the first figure, the number of registered voters as on 12 February 2009, namely 42 587, was used.) The number of voters in each ward may not vary by more than 15 percent from the average figure determined in this way.

The accompanying map shows how the wards have been demarcated.

In Ward 1 there are 3 726 voters and the polling stations are Gansbaai Golf Club and Masakhane Community Hall.

Ward 2 has 3 349 voters and the polling stations are the Pretorius Hall and the municipal offices in Gansbaai. Some 600 voters who previously voted at the golf club will now have to vote at one of these stations.

Ward 3 has 3 289 voters and the polling stations are the Hermanus municipal offices and the De Mond Caravan Park.

Ward 4 has 2 931 voters and the polling stations are the Traffic Offices in Hermanus, Mount Pleasant Primary's school hall and the Ertjiesvlei Church Hall.

Ward 5 has 2 799 voters of whom 815 previously voted at the Qhayiya Secondary School and 554 at the Hou Moed Centre. This ward's polling station is the hall at the Church of Christ.

Ward 6 has 3 621 voters and the polling stations are Qhayiya Secondary School and Lukhanyo Primary School.

Ward 7 comprises 3 012 voters and they will be voting at the Sandbaai Hall.

Ward 8 comprises 3 601 voters and the polling stations are Hawston Secondary School, Lake Marina Boat Club and the farm Honingklip.

Ward 9 comprises 3 179 voters of whom 400 previously voted at the Proteadorp Community Hall and 50 at the farm Honingklip. The polling station is the Kleinmond Town Hall.

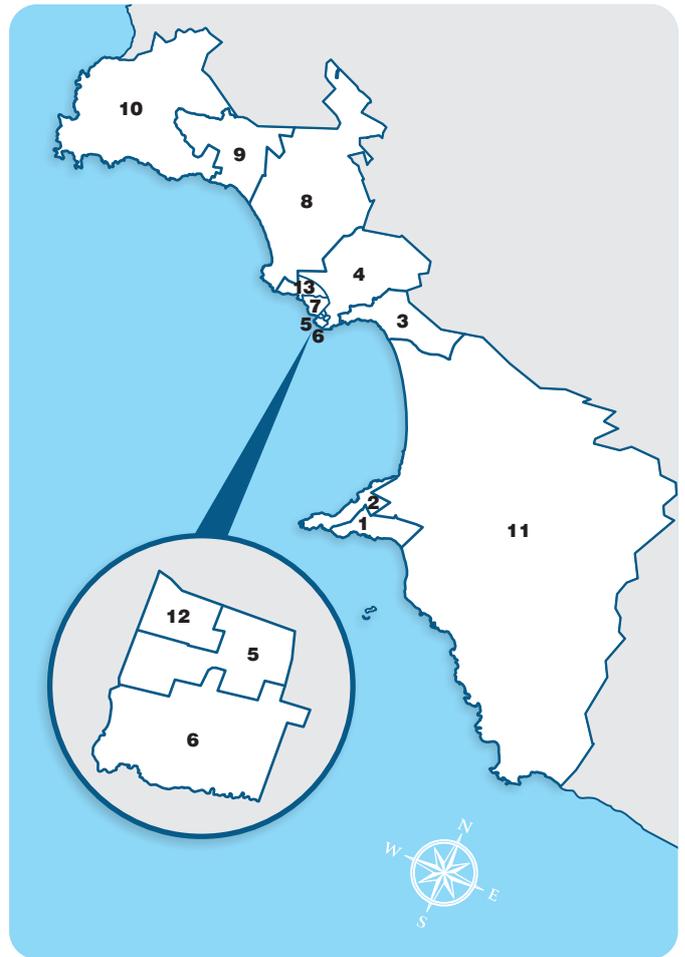
Ward 10 has 3 536 voters and the polling stations are the Crassula Community Hall, Proteadorp Community Hall and the Palmiet Caravan Park.

Ward 11 has 3 741 registered voters. The polling stations are the Pearly Beach Community Hall, Stanford Community Hall (Die Stoor), Strandveld Agricultural Hall, Viljoenshof Dutch Reformed Church and Withoogte Church Hall.

Ward 12 has 2 785 voters and the polling station is the Hou Moed Centre.

Ward 13 has 3 018 voters and the polling stations are the De Wet Hall and the Amana Conference Centre.

Polling district boundaries, polling stations and the number of voters per ward may still change depending on how voters register for the municipal elections in reaction to the registration campaign which is to commence soon.



MORAL STANDARDS INITIATIVE



Dreams and plans for a better future

The Overstrand Teenage Pregnancy Forum, in cooperation with the Departments of Education and Health and all organisations involved with the improvement of the lives of children, has launched a project called "My Dream for the Future / My Droom vir die Toekoms".

In recent surveys, the Department of Education has found that only half the children who enrol in grade 1 complete their school education up to grade 12. The average for school drop-outs in South Africa is 49%, and for the Western Cape it is 51%.

It has been established that children, especially girls, who are still at school and have set themselves a goal (dream) for the future are less likely to abuse alcohol and drugs or to become sexually involved, fall pregnant or to be infected with HIV.

Most of the schools in the Overstrand are participating in the project, and learners from grades 7-11 will express their dreams through prose, poetry, visual art, singing, dancing and drama. Principals and teachers will encourage learners and their parents to dream and plan for the future and will educate them to behave responsibly.

Churches, religious organisations and the Moral Standards Initiative will focus on values that can prevent behaviour which may destroy dreams for the future.

A concert for finalists will be held at Sandbaai Hall on 17 September. Prose, poetry and visual art formed part of the event.

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TWO CONCERTS IN OCTOBER

OAK promises Overstrand residents a feast of TWO concerts in the Hermanus Auditorium during October. On Friday the 22nd, Kobie du Plessis (Harp) and Thekla von Dombois (Oboe) from Germany will perform works of *Donizetti, Bochs, Saint-Saens, Giuliani, Boccherini, Andres, Ravel, Salzedo and Granados*. On Monday the 25th, trio Daniel Rowland (Violin and Viola) and Priya Mitchell (Violin), both from the UK, and Pieter Jacobs (Piano) will perform works of *Biber, Bartok, Schumann and Mozart*. Both performances are scheduled for 19:00. Book at BELLINI on 028 312 4988. Tickets are R80 and R40 for students. Contact René du Plooy on 082 940 4238 for further enquiries.



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GUIDE TO COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANISATIONS

The highly informative Guide to Community Service Organisations published last year by the Overstrand Municipality with the cooperation of the Hermanus Transformation Association is being updated now with a view to publishing a new edition early next year. Please send any requests for inclusion, updates or amended details to jb.lou@telkomsa.net or bulletin@overstrand.gov.za.