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# Bulletin

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## FIRST LADY WANTS TO SERVE WITH LOVE, UNDERSTANDING BOTHAGUTHRIE IN MAYORAL CHAIR

Cllr Nicolette Botha-Guthrie officially ascended to Overstrand's mayoral chair on Thursday 7 October 2010 after being elected to this office during a special council meeting in Hermanus.

Botha-Guthrie has already been designated by the Democratic Alliance for this position some time ago after it became known that the former executive mayor, Mr Theo Beyleveldt, has accepted a parliamentary appointment in the National Council of Provinces.

She could, however, not succeed him directly because she also replaced Beyleveldt as proportional councillor and the process first had to be finalised by the Electoral Commission. In the interim, Mr Ben Solomon served as mayor.

At the special council meeting, two candidates were nominated for the position of executive mayor, and Botha-Guthrie defeated the ANC's candidate, Mr Jan Gelderblom, with 11 votes against six.

In her inauguration address, Botha-Guthrie announced that she will leave the Mayoral Committee unaltered with Deputy Mayor Pieter Scholtz responsible for infrastructure, planning and economic development, Ben Solomon for finance and management services and Philippus Appelgrein for community and protection services.

She lauded Beyleveldt for the extremely well-managed municipality she will be taking over and said that the infrastructure and sustained excellence in service delivery which can be observed everywhere in the area bear testimony to his and his council's leadership. Although it will be difficult to improve upon this, she regards



Nicolette Botha-Guthrie

it as a challenge to make her own mark in this regard.

Furthermore, she voiced her gratitude towards Marianné Beyleveldt for the way in which she, alongside her husband, tackled social issues in a dedicated, caring and diligent manner.

Botha-Guthrie undertook to, together with her husband Mark Guthrie, serve the Overstrand community with love, understanding and dedication. She is fully aware of the responsibility resting on her shoulders up and until the

next municipal elections, which are expected to take place in May 2011.

She said she will rely heavily on the expertise of her council and the municipal management team, follow a participative management style, maintain an open-door policy and always be honest in the answers she provides, even if they may not always be popular.

Her aspiration is to unite Overstrand's communities as far as possible, also as far as striving for common goals is concerned. The people of Overstrand deserve the best and she will do her best.

Botha-Guthrie was born in 1948 in Darling in the Western Cape and matriculated at the Hoër Handelskool Paarl in 1965. She continued her studies at the Cape Technikon and RAU, while she also underwent training with National Intelligence and Foreign Affairs.

In the course of her career, she was involved with the Deciduous Fruit Board, the banking industry and National Intelligence and also managed an interior decorating business following on her retirement.

Her political involvement started in 2000 when she was elected as a councillor of Overstrand. In 2006, she became a directly elected councillor of the Overberg District Municipality and at one point served as mayor for three months.

She does a lot of community work, particularly with CANSA, Sofca and the Fynbospark Retirement Village. Botha-Guthrie has a healthy interest in the arts, particularly theatre and opera. She enjoys reading and likes to cook and garden.

## KLEINMOND KEY CEREMONY MARKS MILESTONE

The Kleinmond Low-cost Housing Project reached an important milestone with the first 32 houses completed and ready for their new owners to move in as soon as the paper work is done.

A symbolic handing over of keys to the top two beneficiaries by the Western Cape MEC for Housing, Mr Bonginkosi Madikezela, on Monday 27 September 2010 marked the occasion, just a bit more than 10 months after he turned the first sod for the project.

Once completed, the R75 million project of 410 houses will not only go a long way to alleviate the shortage of housing for the less privileged, but great care was taken to mitigate the impact of this project on the environment and the community. Almost half of the applicants on the Kleinmond housing list will then be helped.

Their long wait will be rewarded with a high quality of workmanship, a more spa-



Shepo Bonivas Setloboko receives the key to his new home and a mayoral word of advice.

cious house and other once-off benefits because of the involvement of the CSIR and the Department of Science and Technology.

For the outgoing Overstrand Mayor, Cllr

Theo Beyleveldt, this was a special occasion. In his term since 2006 a lot of progress was made to address the infrastructural needs of this coastal municipality which turned into one of the

major growth points of the Western Cape after being for too long just an area of sleepy seaside resorts. Housing lagged behind because of protracted high court cases regarding the allocation of a tender, but with his intervention housing projects in Stanford, Kleinmond and Betty's Bay could eventually proceed.

Recently he also announced that a major housing project in Zwelihle will soon start since land released from a development facilitation agreement with a private sector company became available for low-cost and social (gap) housing.

In Kleinmond, Overstrand Municipality made use of its scientific rating system to prioritise potential beneficiaries and to ensure that those applicants with the greatest need are being assisted first. This test is based on the socio-economic position of applicants and the information used is obtained from the municipality's waiting list application form.

# WINNING PARTNERSHIP FOR WATER

A winning partnership between Overstrand Municipality and a private developer holds huge benefits for the Pearly Beach community as far as water quality and long-term water supply are concerned.

The new R7-million Pearly Beach water purification works was commissioned officially on Wednesday, 15 September by the Executive Mayor, Mr Theo Beyleveldt, who officiated for the last time in this capacity in Gansbaai.

The municipality contributed R2,7 million to the development costs of the plant, while PSP Eiendomme, owners of the Pearly Beach caravan park development, covered the rest of the costs. The plant is situated on a servitude on the farm Kleyn Hagelkraal and the full operation and maintenance thereof were handed over to the municipality.

This collaboration opportunity was spotted by the consulting engineering firm BKS (Pty) Ltd when it was appointed by the owners of the Pearly Beach caravan park to develop a water purification facility and realised that Overstrand Municipality was in the process of conducting an investigation into the upgrading of the township's water purification works at the same time.

Following on a thorough cost analysis and due consideration of water quality requirements and other matters concerning the operation and maintenance of such a plant, both parties agreed to building a single water purification plant for both the town and the caravan park development.

Some of the benefits offered by this move included the elimination of high water losses, a reduction in operational and maintenance costs and the possibility of utilising improved technology. It would also have made it possible to lay the foundation for the expansion of the capacity, which currently stands at 1440 kl per

day but has been estimated to amount to 2360 kl per day once Pearly Beach has been fully developed.

Ultra-filtration membranes, a modern and proven technology for the treatment of coloured, brackish and seawater, are used in the plant since it holds huge benefits for the environment and operational and maintenance costs. The surface area of the plant is smaller than that of a conventional purification plant and less flocculants and chemicals are required. The personnel input for such a plant is also considerably smaller.

Construction of the plant commenced in February and was completed in August. Mr Henk Aartsma of BKS was the project manager. AVDM Consulting Engineers monitored the civil works. The mechanical contractor was Quality Filtrations Systems and Burmar Civils did the civil work. Adenco was the electrical contractor and Spectrum installed the telemetric system.

The Mayor said he was impressed by the infrastructure and proud of the engineering team that put everything together. Over the past couple of years, the municipality spent a lot of money on infrastructure projects in the Gansbaai area to improve the quality of life.

With more than R740 million, mainly from own funds, spent on capital projects during the term of the incumbent council, he is glad to still be able to say that the impact on the cost of living remains manageable. A recent survey indicated that the municipal accounts of Overstrand residents are still lower than that of owners who reside in comparable towns.

Cllr Pieter Scholtz thanked Mr Beyleveldt for his interest in and attention to matters in Gansbaai issues and wished him all the best and success with his future role in the National Council of Provinces.



Jan Koekemoer from PSP Eiendomme watches as Theo Beyleveldt cuts the ribbon at the Pearly Beach water purification plant.

## MORAL STANDARDS INITIATIVE



### Responsibility

This year, we are focusing in particular on three values: caring, respect and responsibility. If all of us in Overstrand and surrounds accept these three values in our lives, it will make an enormous difference.

Responsibility means that I care for the community in which I live. Their interests are also my interests; their happiness is also my happiness. It is the firm belief that we, *together*, are all part of a happy community. The people who live here are also my people!

I willingly contribute to everyone's safety, neatness, orderliness and health. I respect everyone, also those whose thinking and lifestyle differ from mine. I care about everyone, also those who are suffering, are poor, are handicapped or who do not have work.

Responsible people fight corruption spontaneously, render brisk services, tell the truth and are just in their criticism. In short, a community with responsible people flourishes. We in Hermanus can achieve this because we have wonderful people, a beautiful environment, honest leaders, good infrastructure and dedicated religious communities. Everyone need only accept responsibility for that small part where he or she can make a difference. Start thinking about where *your* small part fits in, and do it!

May Christmas be filled with blessings for our community.

- Wilhelm Burger

## NEW ERA DAWNS FOR DUMPING SITE

Gansbaai's new dumping site, which has been developed at a cost of R11,5 million, will be commissioned officially on 1 December this year.

In addition to the development of a cell which complies with the legal requirements for the dumping of solid waste, the site has now also been equipped with a weighbridge, a shed for recycling and office facilities while it has also been landscaped so as to be more pleasing on the eye.

This, however, also implies that the dumping of refuse in the community has been changed irrevocably. Some of the far-reaching implications this entails include the following:

- A private company with the necessary expertise and trained personnel will, in future, manage the site.
- Access will be controlled. People or enterprises who wish to dump garden waste will first have to take out a permit at the municipal offices before they will be allowed access to the site.
- The prescribed fees will apply. In the case of home owners who wish to dump garden refuse in their personal capacity, the permit will be free of charge, but owners of undeveloped erven will have to pay since they are only charged for availability on their accounts. Farm owners

will also have to pay since their rates and taxes do not cover refuse removal. The dumping of fine and clean building rubble which can be utilised to cover refuse will also be free of charge. Garden services can dump leaves and grass cuttings free of charge but will have to pay for branches since these have to be shredded.

- Dumping of building rubble or any other refuse at any other place but the dumping site is illegal and rigorous action will be instituted against transgressors.
- No hazardous substances will be accepted. This will have to be transported at own cost to the Viessershok dumping site in Cape Town since this is the only site which at present can handle such substances.
- The municipal project to promote recycling at source will be extended to Gansbaai and Stanford in the near future. This will go hand in hand with a comprehensive information campaign but in essence entails that recyclable refuse must be placed out in a clear plastic bag which will be provided to residents. The business and farming community can also participate and will be allowed to offload recycle bags free of charge at the dumping site. The more we recycle, the longer the site's life will be.



### CLASSICAL WORKS ON STAGE



Jerome Pernod (cello) and Jerome Ducros (piano) will perform works of Beethoven, Piazzola and Brahms in the auditorium of the Overstrand Civic Centre on Sunday 14 November at 15:30. In December, there will be a reading from Emily Hobhouse's *Dear Mrs Steyn* by actress Wilna Snyman on Sunday the 5th at 15:30, and on Thursday the 16th at 19:00 Cape Town organist, Barry Smith, will bring one of his choirs from Cape Town to present a Christmas concert. Tickets are R80 and R40 for students. Book at BELLINI on 028 312 4988 or contact René du Plooy on 082 940 4238 for further enquiries.

## COMMUNITY POLICE FORUM



### Assist Betty's Bay with Neighbourhood Watch!

To combat growing crime in your neighbourhood, the Betty's Bay Ratepayers Association (<http://bettybay.info/>) is assisting the police to form a Neighbourhood Watch. The objective is to create a safe environment to protect your families and your property and to encourage the community to work together to fight crime.

To achieve this, we need to compile a database of all residents in Betty's Bay so that in the event of any emergency, major fire disasters or incidents of crime, we will be able to take immediate action.

Simply e-mail your NAME and ERF NUMBER to our chair, Dan Fick, at [djick@mweb.co.za](mailto:djick@mweb.co.za) or call him on 028 272 9800 and you stand to win a great prize!!

**Act now and reclaim Betty's Bay from the criminals!**