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# Bulletin

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## • OVERSTRAND EXCELS WITH WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

# TOP-TEN PLACE WITH GREEN DROP

Overstrand Municipality received five awards on Thursday 30 June 2011 at the annual conference on Drinking Water Quality in Cape Town.

The water purification plants in Gansbaai (Franskraal) and Buffels River near Pringle Bay as well as the Stanford Water Scheme received the Blue Drop, which is awarded to plants that achieved 95 percent or more in the national assessment by the Department of Water Affairs.

The Hermanus Waste-water Treatment Plant received the Green Drop, which is given to waste-water treatment plants achieving more than 90 percent in the national assessment.

Overstrand Municipality achieved the ninth place overall in the country in the Green Drop assessment.

Stephen Müller, Director of Infrastructure and Planning, says it is a major achievement, especially the top-ten position awarded to the municipality with regard to the treatment of waste water.

In the Blue Drop report, Overstrand Municipality scored an average of 90,5% for its eight water schemes, compared to the previous years' 66% (2010) and 42.5% (2009). A score of 95% is required to achieve Blue Drop status.

The score for each of the plants was as follows: Greater Hermanus 87,23% (up from 75,31%), Buffels River 95,07% (up from 63,83%), Kleinmond 93,09% (up from 60,08%), Stanford 95,15%, Greater Gansbaai 95,1% (up from 63,81%), Buffeljagsbaai 75,37%, Baardskeedersbos 93,68% and Pearly Beach 94,31%.

The Blue Drop score is not only an indication of



At the handing over of a trophy for the ninth place nationally in the 2011 Green Drop Assessment were, from the left, Mr Anderson Mancotywa, president of the Water Institute of South Africa, Hanré Blignaut, Overstrand Municipality's deputy director for engineering services, Ms Edna Molewa, Minister of Water Affairs, and Patrick Robinson, Overstrand Municipality's principle technician: engineering planning.

water quality but is a weighted total evaluation of 10 different criteria, with 26 sub-criteria. The criteria include efficiency in risk management, process control, monitoring programmes, quality compliance, data submission to DWA, publication of results and

asset management, amongst others.

The average of the waste-water quality management performance at Overstrand Municipality's five waste-water treatment plants (WWTWs) was 88,8%. A score of 95% is required to achieve Green Drop status.

The individual scores for the waste-water treatment systems in Overstrand Municipality were 92.1% for Hermanus (up from 66%), 87,9% for Hawston (up from 57%), 83% for Stanford (up from 61%), 75,8% for Gansbaai (up from 66%) and 82,5% for Kleinmond (up from 66%).

The Green Drop score is not just an indication of waste-water quality but is a weighted total evaluation of seven different criteria, with 20 sub-criteria, including process control, monitoring programmes, quality compliance, data submission to DWA, publication of results and medium- to long-term planning.

Mr Müller said the municipality made excellent progress in its objective to gain overall Blue and Green Drop status. He congratulated the team who coordinated the preparations for the assessment, namely Mr Hanré Blignaut, Deputy Director: Engineering Services, and Mr Patrick Robinson (Principle Technician: Engineering Planning), as well as the Directorate of Community Services who is responsible for operating the plants in the different areas.

## DEEP IMPRESSION LEFT

TRIBUTE BY CLLR NICOLETTE BOTHA-GUTHRIE,  
EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF THE OVERSTRAND MUNICIPALITY

The death of Theo Beyleveldt, Member of Parliament and former Overstrand mayor, on Sunday 3 July left the Overstrand without one of its strongest and most talented community leaders. People of his calibre are hard to find. His zeal and passion for politics will be sorely missed.

He was known to always put his community first, maybe even to the detriment of his own health. He served his community with integrity, and for me it was a wonderful privilege to take over a well-organised and prosperous municipality from him.

Theo was the kind of person who made a success of everything he did: as a sportsman, soldier

and politician. He was someone who believed in taking action, which was also the reason why he became involved in politics. Making a difference from within was better than complaining from without, he believed.

Theo was known for his compassion for children, the aged and the needy. As a mayoral couple, he and his wife, Marianné, strove to meet the needs of the less privileged.

The best way to honour this great man will be to fill his shoes to the best of my ability.



## NIGGLING ISSUES

Misunderstandings or incorrect information often result in avoidable issues with municipal service delivery. Overstrand Bulletin trusts that the following list of tips will make your future dealings with the municipality a much nicer experience.

- Clients must ensure that the correct address is provided when requesting services.
- When a client reports a leakage at his water meter, he must check where the leakage is. If it is on the owner's side of the water meter, he will be held accountable for the callout costs. Also keep in mind that there is a difference between callout costs during office hours and after-hours.
- When a client puts in a request to have his sewerage tank pumped, but the suction point is either broken or not accessible, he will be held accountable for the callout costs.
- When a client requests that a special water or electricity reading be taken, a fee will be payable.
- If the water meter is not accessible and cannot be read, an administrative fee will still be levied.
- If a client puts in a request to have a water meter and/or reading verified, specific charges will also be levied against the client's account.
- If you make one payment for different accounts, you must specify how much should go towards settling each of the accounts. Situations such as these often give rise to an amount becoming overdue on one of the accounts which could result in interest, collection fees and increased deposits being levied.
- Incorrect references on internet payments and direct bank deposits result in the municipality not being able to allocate the monies. This could result in interest, collection fees and increased deposits being levied.
- If a client receives his account late or not at all, he should enquire at the office because the account's due date will still be the 20th of a month.



**ABOVE:** The defending champions Salim United with Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie, Bulelwa Mbane, (sports and recreation), and Mr Morris Tshabala. **RIGHT:** The Siyadlala Ladies holding the trophy.

## SALIM UNITED RETAINS TITLE

Defending champions Salim United once again came out tops in the Overstrand Mayoral Soccer Cup Tournament on Saturday 18 June at the Zwelihle Sports Ground.

In almost perfect conditions for soccer, this Mount Pleasant team had to go into a penalty shootout before they managed to overcome their neighbours from Zwelihle, Sweepers. Zama-Zama from Gansbaai ended third.

Soccer lovers say it was one of the most exciting finals they have seen in our area.

The final day of this year's Mayoral Cup tournament saw four men and four ladies teams battle it out for the honour to be regarded as the Overstrand champions. The sports ground was filled to capacity with supporters from all over the municipal area.



Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie gave a few words of encouragement before the start of the game: "I would like to congratulate all the teams that participated in this tournament for reaching the final stages and thank the local organising committee for a job well done!"

She also mentioned that the municipality regards sport as a way to bring together and unite people. The recent mayoral rugby tournament was also a great success, and now the municipality is thinking of doing a cricket tournament, said Mayor Botha-Guthrie.

In the ladies competition, Siyadlala Ladies from Zwelihle won by beating Mighty Ladies 3 - 0. Real Pioneers from Gansbaai came third.

## THE WORLD EXTENDS ITS HAND IN FRIENDSHIP

Stemming from a recent welcoming event for the annual district conference of the Rotarians, which was held in Hermanus this year, Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie was invited to join the local Rotary Club as an honorary member. Impressed by the principles, responsibilities and obligations of the oldest service organisation in the world, the Mayor accepted it as an honour and a privilege and was inducted on 23 June 2011. Here she receives her badge and the hand of friendship and fellowship from judge Deon van Zyl, district governor, which symbolically unite her with more than 1,2 million members worldwide belonging to almost 34 000 clubs.



## YOUNG STARS ON STAGE

On Thursday, 11 August at 19:00, prominent flautist Dawid Venter, accompanied by "one of the greatest pianists of his time", Ben Schoeman, will perform in the Overstrand Civic Centre. Dawid has won numerous prestigious awards and scholarships, in South Africa as well as in France. Schoeman, who is not new to the Auditorium in Hermanus, is Standard Bank's Young Artist for music. The duo will be playing works by Bach, Francis Poulenc, Francois Borne, Henri Dutilleux, Pierre Sancan and Charles-Marie Widor. Tickets are R80 (R40 for scholars), and bookings can be made at BELLINI on 028 312 4988. Phone René du Plooy on 082 940 4238 for any further enquiries.



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