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Bulletin

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GREENEST MUNICIPALITY WILL MAKE DIFFERENCE TO ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Overstrand Municipality was awarded the trophy for Leadership, Institutional Arrangements and Public Participation in the first Greenest Municipality Competition conducted in the Western Cape.

Mr Johan van Taak, Manager: Waste Management, received a medal for being a champion for the Greenest Municipality Competition in the Overstrand area.

The prize-giving ceremony took place on Thursday 6 October 2011 at the Nelson Creek wine estate near Paarl. The overall winner was Drakenstein Municipality followed by the George and Witzenberg Municipalities in second and third place respectively. Eden District Municipality was the winner of the category for district municipalities.

Trophies were also awarded to George Municipality for waste management, Hessequa Municipality for energy efficiency and conservation, Stellenbosch Municipality for tree planting and beautification, Witzenberg Municipality for water management and Drakenstein Municipality for air-quality management.

The Greenest Municipality Competition incorporated the Cleanest Town Competition, which was mainly based on an evaluation of waste management operations. By broadening its scope and linking up with global and national initiatives with regard to greening and reducing greenhouse gases, the competition aims to promote service delivery that would restore community pride and commitment to caring for their living environment.

Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie said she is proud of the recognition Overstrand Municipality received and that the municipality will help to grow the new competition so that a real difference to environmental quality in the province, country and world can be made.



HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATED WITH TREE PLANTING

In a joint Heritage Day project, trees were planted at old age homes and senior service centres across the whole municipal area by representatives of the Overstrand Municipality and the Western Cape Legislature. Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie said this was done to show appreciation to the elderly for the nurturing role they have played in society. The project also highlighted the International Year of the Forest and the importance of tree-planting as a countering strategy for global warming, while the greening of Overstrand was promoted. Encouraging the Mayor with the task of planting a tree at the Silwerjare Service Centre in Blompark, Gansbaai, were from left Deputy Mayor Pieter Scholtz, Magrieta Adams, service centre manager, Ans Scholtz and Mr Mike Walters, Member of the Provincial Legislature and Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Environmental Affairs.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER TO RETIRE

The recruitment and selection process to find a new municipal manager for Overstrand Municipality has progressed well. Current incumbent, Adv Werner Zybrands, intends to accept retirement when his contract ends at the end of December 2011. Mr Zybrands will turn 67 in January, and he will reach the compulsory retirement age before a renewed employment contract of five years will expire.

In terms of the Municipal Systems Act, the employment contract of a municipal manager runs for a fixed term of employment of a maximum of five years, not exceeding a period ending one year after the election of



the next council.

Mr Zybrands was appointed with effect from 1 April 2008, and it was agreed that his employment contract would terminate on 30 September 2011, six months after the local government elections scheduled for March 2011. As the elections were only held in May 2011, the termination date of the contract became 31 December 2011.

The position has been advertised in September to ensure sufficient time for the new council to appoint a new

municipal manager and to have him or her starting at the beginning of the new year. More than 40 applications were received.

NO WATERING OF GARDENS IN GREATER HERMANUS

Residents of the Greater Hermanus area are reminded that water-saving measures are still applicable and that their full cooperation is needed to ensure that the dry season can be seen through with the available water resources.

Gardens may not be watered with potable water provided by the municipality. With the growing season now starting, keen gardeners are encouraged to recycle grey water harvested from baths, showers and washing machines.

The De Bos dam is currently 42% full, but the municipality won't be able to extract water from the dam when the level reaches 9%.

The 24,9 mm rainfall measured in September is far below the average of 50,9 for the month.

MAYORAL CRICKET CHAMPIONS

The cricket teams of Hermanus and Hawston battled it out in the final of the inaugural Mayoral 20/20 Cricket Tournament on Saturday 1 October 2011 and, although a low scoring game, tension mounted in the final overs before Hermanus managed to clinch the game and had the honour of being the first team to lift the cup.

It was an action-filled day on the Hermanus Cricket Oval as the playoff for the bronze medal between Kleinmond and Stanford also took place there during the morning, with Kleinmond managing to get the win.

The tournament also included teams from Gansbaai and Mount Pleasant. While there were some unexpected results, the positive attitude of the players was re-



Hermanus Cricket Club won the first Mayoral Cricket Tournament.

markable, and the Mayoral Cup will go far in promoting this sport and bringing the Overstrand community together.

Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie expressed her satisfaction with

the tournament and said that the next step will be to run all the Mayoral Tournaments together over the same period and have all the finals as part of an Overstrand Games on one weekend.

Karwyderskraal temporarily closed

The regional landfill site Karwyderskraal will be closed for a period of approximately eight months as from 1 November 2011 until a new cell has been built, according to a notice recently received from the Overberg District Municipality.

The implications hereof are that refuse, with the exception of shredded garden refuse and clean builder's rubble and sand which can be used to cover refuse, will have to be transported to the municipal dumping site in Gansbaai.

General refuse dumped at transfer stations will be transported by the municipality or its agents to the Gansbaai dumping site. Overstrand Municipality asks all motorists to exercise patience with the heightened heavy-duty traffic through Hermanus and on the R44 to and from Gansbaai for the duration of this period.

Builders must note that rubble free of cement bags or any other waste materials can still be deposited free of charge at Karwyderskraal. Other rubble coming from building sites, such as cement bags and sections of pipe, must be taken to the transfer station after a permit for this purpose has been bought from the municipality.

Garden refuse must be taken to transfer stations in order to have it shredded and transported to Karwyderskraal.

DUMPING OF TYRES

The regulations issued in terms of the Environmental Conservation Act for the disposal of tyres have recently been amended. As from 1 July 2011, all tyres dumped or deposited at a transfer station or dumping site must be cut into quarters. From 1 July 2014, such tyres will need to be shredded. At this stage, the municipality does not offer a service for the cutting or shredding of tyres. These regulations do not apply to bicycle tyres or tyres with an outside diameter of more than 1400 mm or tyres which are used as material in engineering works.

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FAIRNESS



Fairness is a core value and constitutes the bulwark of a truly democratic community as well as the constitutional dispensation and legal system of such a community. It is deeply entrenched in our religious beliefs.

The value of fairness finds expression especially when we are guided in our daily conduct by the principle to always treat others the same way we expect them to treat us.

Fairness in our conduct requires that we will always retain an open mind in all situations and that we will base our decisions and actions as objectively and impartially as possible on the relevant facts and considerations.

It compels us to ensure that we always show respect for people's right to human dignity and equal treatment, regardless of the circumstances.

In this community we have the privilege of being part of, we need to ensure that we always put ourselves to the test by answering a couple of important questions:

- Are we all as individuals, authorities, businesses, churches and community organisations doing enough to build a culture of fairness in our community?
- Do we act fairly towards those who work in our businesses and in our homes?
- Do we always fair in our criticism and complaints regarding the service and treatment we receive?
- Do we always act fairly towards those to whom we render a service?

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AWARD FOR KLEINMOND HOUSING PROJECT

The Kleinmond Housing Project received a special merit award in the category for low-cost housing at the South African Housing Foundation's awards ceremony which was held on Tuesday 13 September 2011 at the Spier Wine Estate near Stellenbosch.

According to the citation, the award was given to the project in recognition of the unique design and innovative layout, which provided the community with access to both good-quality and environmentally-friendly housing. The development maximised the use of local resources and labour to the benefit of the broader community.

At the handing over were from left Mr Briand Louw from Overstrand Municipality, Mr Koos Pretorius from Motlekar (previously known as M5), Western Cape Housing Minister Bonginkosi Madikizela, Mr Faizel Motlekar and Mr John Hopkins, Chief Executive Officer of the SA Housing Foundation. Briand was also a finalist in the category for the Housing Person of the Year.

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