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NIGHT OF ACHIEVERS 2013 LOVE MADE VISIBLE

According to Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie, Overstrand Municipality's Night of Achievers extends well beyond merely recognising the wonderful contributions volunteers make to our society. This night is also about the rest of us being inspired by those rewarded for their efforts and following the example they have set. In short, she concluded, this night is all about a visible manifestation of the love extended to our fellow man and our environment.

Commenting on the calibre of person being recognised for their achievements at this year's ceremony, held on Tuesday, 27 August, in the Overstrand Civic Centre, Hermanus, Botha-Guthrie remarked that although the recipients seemingly represent a random cross-section of society, they all had this in common: Being absolutely convinced of their mission and totally committed to solid values.

In her reflection on the nature of the entries received for this year's awards, the Mayor said she was particularly struck by the following:

- Despite the great value of our oceans, we seemingly know very little about this precious resource and the creatures that live in it: A sorry state of affairs if one considers that the very reason people settled here in the first place was because they wanted to making a living out of the sea, and nowadays probably still flock here simply because they want to be near the ocean.

- A community that cares about its elderly, children and the sickly is healthy at its core: Contrary to the popular belief that the rich have to take care of the poor, it is often those who share the plight of the needy who succeed in coming to their aid in the most effective and sustainable manner.



Back from the left: Katja Petersen, Pamela Christine, Tommy Wilson, Dr Robin Lee, Gloria Langer, Werner Ladewig, Jan Fourie and Wilfred Chivell. In front from the left: Tronel Meintjies, Elizbe Visagie, Carmen Titus, Mary Faure, Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie, Meaghan McCord, Dr Millie Rink and Florentia Radebe. Absent: Belinda Groenewald

- It is possible to influence the future by investing in children: Thanks to the legacy of headmasters Werner Ladewig (Hermanus High) and Tommy Wilson (Gansbaai Academia), sound educational structures will in future lighten the load of those tasked with shaping the youth, while for their part, NGOs as the likes of STAR help to equip youngsters experiencing learning difficulties so they, too, can put such educational facilities to best possible use.

WINNERS

This year's categories were: The Mayoral Trophy for Environmental Conservation, the Woman/Women of the Year and those for Achievers of Excellence. The competition for the prestigious Mayoral Trophy for Environmental Conservation was overseen by the Whale Coast Conservation (formerly the Overstrand Conservation Foundation).

- The much coveted Mayoral Trophy for Environmental Conservation went to Meaghan McCord from the South African Shark Conservancy (SASC) for her detailed study of the marine species, flora and fauna which occurs in Walker Bay.

- The remarkable contribution of Overstrand's Woman of the Year, Mary Faure, towards promoting Hermanus as a world-class tourism destination in combination with her work as co-ordinator of Hermanus FynArts should serve as inspiration to all who dream of moving mountains, albeit one rock at a time.

- The Mayoral Awards for Achievers of Excellence went to: Dr Millie Rink, Avril Nunn, Florentina Radebe, Gloria Langer, Katja Petersen, Dr Robin Lee, Jan Fourie, Tommy D Wilson and Werner Ladewig.

COME JOIN IN THE FUN AT THE OVERSTRAND SPORTS FESTIVAL



Instituted in 2009 as the Mayoral Cup Tournament, the Overstrand Sports Festival is intended to afford youngsters representing various sports codes the opportunity to showcase their talents.

Competing teams will, once again, face one another on Saturday, 5 October, at the sports grounds in Hawston in a final bout to see who will be walking off with the 2013 Mayoral Cup.



This year a further dimension will be added to the Overstrand Sport Festival: For the first time, disabled athletes will be afforded the opportunity to compete.

Sporting codes participating in this year's events include rugby, soccer, cricket, netball and athletics.

Call Ayanda Stali on 083 426 2826 for a detailed programme.

KNOW YOUR BY-LAWS

Launched a couple of months ago, the Zwelihle street committee project aims to promote a safe and healthy environment, and has set to familiarise committee members with the Municipality's by-laws as one of its first objectives.

Having successfully completed their training, the 105 street committee members will in future be able to deal with issues in the township such as vandalism, drunk and disorderly behaviour and loud music at an improper hour. Where issues cannot be resolved by the members themselves, they will ask the police and law enforcers for assistance rather than take the law into their own hands.

Training in first aid and attending to fires is soon to follow, and the project will be rolled out in more areas within Zwelihle as well as in Kleinmond in the near future.

Each of the street committee members received a certificate from the Overstrand Municipality during a ceremony held in the municipal auditorium on 29 August.

IOC AWARD FOR GANSBAAI SPORTS COMPLEX

At the August Council meeting Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie was presented with an diploma awarded by the International Olympic Committee to the Gansbaai Spaces for Sports Centre at its 15th International Olympic Committee Conference on Sport for All held in Lima, Peru, from 24 - 27 April 2013.

This together with a grant was given in recognition of the outstanding contribution the centre is making towards the promotion of the development of the IOC's Sport for All initiatives.

The Gansbaai Sports Centre was built in 2007 in partnership with Barclays/ABSA, the Overstrand Municipality, the Premier League, Grootbos Foundation and the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport. These partnerships have been key to the success of the site and serve as a great working model for similar development projects around the world.

Specific credit goes to the Overstrand Municipality for the impeccable maintenance and sound management of the Centre under direction of Centre Manager Carol Devitt and Area Manager Kat Myburgh.

MARSHALS NOW WELL-VERSED IN CUSTOMER CARE AND TOURIST ATTRACTIONS



The group of parking marshals in the company of Soli Madikane (Director: LED & Tourism), Suné Greeff (Manager: Tourism), Adinda Jantjies (Tourism Officer) and Michelle Botha, Trainer/Facilitator: Overstrand Training Institute

On 4 and 5 September, Hermanus' 36 parking marshals attended a two-day customer-care course and educational tour, courtesy of Overstrand Municipality's Economic Development and Tourism Department.

The Overstrand Training Institute (OTI) presented the course material. With a clear emphasis on customer care and relationship building, the overall objective was to motivate and empower attendees to communicate clearly and concisely with those they serve.

In addition to focusing on the benefits to be derived from rendering good customer service, the instructors set out to enlighten the marshals

on how to engage positively with their customers, particularly regarding:

- How to meet, greet and deal with clients and the general public
- How to deal with stressful situations, i.e. a dissatisfied customer
- How to attend to a customer in need of assistance

Undisputedly, though, Overstrand's parking marshals often have to fulfil the role of 'unofficial tourist guides' as well. For this reason, and with the kind support of Overstrand Tours, the two-day course also encompassed a guided tour of Hermanus aimed at heightening the marshals' awareness of the area's rich cultural and historical relevance.

Quality of final effluent from waste-water treatment work April | June 2013

Description of test	Unit	DWA General Authorisation Standard	Average test results for final effluent test samples at:				
			Gansbaai	Hawston	Hermanus	Kleinmond	Stanford
pH	(pH)	5.5-9.5	5,9	7,4	7,4	7	7,3
Settleable solids	(ml/l)	-	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
Electrical conductivity	(mS/m)	150	141	163	214	86	124
Faecal coliform bacteria	(count/100ml)	1000	0	810	698	1216	321
Chemical oxygen demand	(mg/l)	75 Max	32,6	49,7	61,5	42,7	33,1
Ammonia nitrogen	(mg/l as N)	6 Max	0,2	10,7	2,4	2,6	7,1
Nitrate nitrogen	(mg/l as N)	15 Max	11,3	2,4	2,5	18,1	5,3
Nitrite nitrogen	(mg/l as N)		0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
Total suspended solids	(mg/l)	25 Max	5,7	6,7	5,3	4,3	5,3
Ortho-phosphate	(mg/l as P)	10 Max	3,8	5,1	4,7	5,7	4,8

Drinking Water Quality April | June 2013

Description of test	Unit	Standard per SANS 0241 Class I 5.0-9.5	Standard per SANS 0241 Class I 4.0-10.0	Average test results for potable water test samples at:									
				BR	KM	HM	SF	GB	DK	PB	BB	BBJ	BBJ
pH	(pH)			8,3	8,4	8,0	7,6	8,2	6,9	8,0	6,3	7,4	7,4
Electrical conductivity	(mS/m)	<150	150-370	35,6	28,1	43,9	67,5	121,7	41,6	53,5	38,5	<150	<150
Turbidity	(NTU)	<1	1-5	0,04	0,4	0,5	0,2	0,3	0,2	0,2	1	0,5	0,5
Colour	(mg/l as Pt)	<20	20-50	7,7	7,7	8,3	5,0	12,3	4,0	9,0	136,7	3,3	3,3
Calcium	(mg/l as CaCO ₃)	<150	150-300	2,6	12,0	8,1	57,0	9,1	58,9	14,4	23,7	<150	<150
Fluoride	(mg/l as F)	<1,0	1,0-1,5	0,10	0,60	0,10	0,10	0,60	0,10	0,10	0,20	<1,0	<1,0
Total dissolved solids	(mg/l)	<1000	1000-2000	292	216	317	488	845	310	372	275	<1000	<1000
Iron	(µg/l as Fe)	<200	200-2000	12,7	16	91	15,3	24,7	10	18,3	70	10	10
Manganese	(µg/l as Mn)	<100	100-1000	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
Aluminium	(µg/l as Al)	<300	300-500	126	101	151	106	129	14	103	154	20	20
E.coli	(telling/100ml)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

BR: Buffelsrivier | KM: Kleinmond | HM: Hermanus | SF: Stanford | GB: Gansbaai | DK: De Kelders | PB: Pearly Beach | BB: Baardskeerdersbos | BJB: Buffeljagsbaai

OAK CONCERTS IN OCTOBER

On Saturday evening, 12 October, the well-known Stellenbosch LIBERTAS CHOIR will be performing in the Hermanus Dutch Reformed Church at 19:00.



On Sunday afternoon, 20 October, the young Jan Hugo, winner of the fourth UNISA National Piano competition in 2011, will give a recital in the Civic Auditorium at 15:30.

Tickets cost R100 (R50 for students). Book at BELLINI GALLERY on 028 312 4988. Direct further enquiries to secretary, René du Plooy, at 082 940 4238.