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# Bulletin

Official newsletter of the Overstrand Municipality

## OVERSTRANDERS PAY HOMAGE TO MADIBA



As did people across the world, Overstranders too felt the sad loss of their beloved Tata Madiba. Several places of mourning were made available throughout the Overstrand where people could lay wreaths, light candles and write their own message of condolence in a book provided. The community also had the opportunity to pay their last respects to Madiba at four inter-faith memorial services held on the evening of Thursday, 12 December, in Gansbaai, Stanford, Hermanus and Kleinmond.

*Hamba kahle, Madiba*

## OVERSTRAND CLAIMS ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE AMONGST THE COUNTRY'S GREENEST

In the Department of Environmental Affairs' annual competition to adjudge the country's Greenest Town, Overstrand Municipality was not only crowned joint overall second runner up, but also as winner in the categories solid waste management and water management and conservation - the latter for the second year running, no less! To top it all, the new biological water treatment plant at Preekstoel, the first of its kind in the country, was rewarded with a certificate of achievement for an innovative project.

Although the purpose is to give recognition to municipalities for their achievements and innovations on the terrain of environmental

conservation and sustainability, the competition is not only about winning. It is also regarded as an opportunity where municipalities can learn from one another and harness the successes of others with one goal in mind: To create a healthy environment and to deliver services of the highest quality.

In addition to those referred to above, municipalities also compete in categories for sustainable energy, biodiversity and coastal management, air pollution control and air quality management, public participation, and leadership and compliance. The winner overall was Mossel Bay with Drakenstein as first runner up. Overstrand shares its position as second runner up with Swartland.



## The FIFTH annual Big Blues Music Festival will take place in Kleinmond Harbour on 28 February & 1 March 2014



The planning for the 2014 Big Blues Music Festival is in full swing! So get ready for another mind blowing 2 days of *Rhythm, Blues and Exuberant Festivities!*

Our epic Big Blues Festival will yet again offer you packages and discounted specials on top notch accommodation establishments from comfortable Self-catering units, to a variety of Guesthouses, Bed & Breakfasts and beautiful camping areas. And festival goers can expect a selection of local cuisine and merchandise stalls on the premises, a fully stocked bar, Buddy Bus Service, a 0178m<sup>2</sup> Marquee tent with

approximately 1000 seating arrangements and experiencing Harbour Road's restaurants, shops and galleries.

The opening of ticket sales and names of the artists will be released shortly so WATCH THE FOLLOWING SPACES FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FINAL ARTIST LINE UP AND MUCH MORE: [www.bigblues.co.za](http://www.bigblues.co.za); [www.facebook.com/pages/BIG-Blues-Music-Festival-Kleinmond](https://www.facebook.com/pages/BIG-Blues-Music-Festival-Kleinmond); Twitter @BIGBLUESfest.

**"It's me and it's you, it's just the blues"**

### TIPS ON HANDLING DOMESTIC REFUSE BETWEEN COLLECTION DAYS

As in previous years, Overstrand Municipality is geared to handle the extra volumes of refuse but can only do so successfully if everyone is prepared to co-operate. In particular, residents and visitors are called upon to do their utmost to keep pests such as flies and associated unpleasant odours to the minimum.

Here are a couple of simple suggestions that can be employed to the benefit of everyone in your neighbourhood:

- A rubbish bin ought to be placed in a cool, shady spot.
  - The more sun it gets, the more it festers.
- A rubbish bin's lid ought to remain tightly sealed at all times.
  - The tighter the fit, the less the likelihood that unpleasant odours will escape.
- A rubbish bin is far less offensive when:
  - all perishable food scraps, in particular seafood waste and bits of raw meat, are first placed in a plastic bag and sealed tightly;
  - bloody bags and packaging materials are rinsed before being disposed of; and
  - old packaging materials are sealed in bags.
- A rubbish bin ought to be subjected to a thorough disinfection/cleansing regime after every collection day.

Also do not forget to rid your property of any dog droppings daily.

Some alternative measures include keeping food scraps in the freezer until collection day.

Of course, you could also consider using your fruit and vegetable scraps to start a compost heap or wormery. In this way, you will not only reduce the volume of refuse being placed out but will also contribute towards maintaining a sustainable environment.

**Residents and visitors are also called upon to place their refuse on the sidewalk on the day of collection only.**

**Direct any queries regarding recycling options and collection days to Hermanus 028 313 8090; Kleinmond 028 271 8404; Stanford 028 341 8500 or Gansbaai 028 384 8351.**

### ENSURE THAT YOUR HOUSE NUMBER IS VISIBLE

In the interest of efficient service delivery and attending to complaints timeously, an urgent appeal is made to all home owners to display their properties' house numbers in a visible position. This will also help the police and ambulance services in the case of an emergency.

People who do not know what their house numbers are can enquire at 028 313 8112.

### 2 CONCERTS IN JANUARY



**Reiner Schneider-Waterberg**



On Friday, 17 January, the German tenor, Christoph Genz, will be accompanied on the piano by Cornelia Herrmann. They will perform Franz Schubert's famous song cycle, *Die Schöne Müllerin* (Op.25, D 795), to poems by Wilhelm Müller.

On Friday, 24 January, an exciting evening of arias, Lieder, duets and piano solos will be presented by Reiner Schneider-Waterberg (baritone), Christoph Genz (tenor) and Cornelia Herrmann (piano). Some of the most famous and well-loved arias from operettas like *Dein is mein ganzes Herz* from *Das Land des Lächelns* and *Wie ein Rosenknope* from *The Merry Widow* and the *Venetianisches Gondellied* will be sung, while the audience will also be treated to piano solos such as the *Three Piano Pieces D946*.

**Both concerts will commence at 19:00 and be held in the Civic Auditorium in Hermanus. Book at BELLINI on 028 312 4988 - tickets are R100 (for students R50). Contact René du Plooy on 082 940 4238 for further enquiries.**



**Christoph Genz**



**Cornelia Herrmann**

### SPARKLING AND SAFE, OVERSTRAND'S POOLS ARE A GREAT ALTERNATIVE FOR YOUNG AND OLD

Greater Hermanus boasts two fantastic alternatives to the ocean for those longing to cool down: Two fantastic swimming-pools complete with their very own fully qualified lifesavers.

During the winter of 2013, the Olympic-size pool in Hawston was drained, resealed and repainted and is yet again ready to take its rightful place as a favourite amongst residents and visitors alike. In addition to spick and span ablution facilities, the complex also offers a special pool for the little ones - complete with its own delightful fountain. For those not yet in the know, the pool is right next to the Hawston camp site. For directions, call 028 315 1821.

The upkeep of the municipal Zwelihle/Mount Pleasant pool recently posed quite a challenge whilst the upgrade of the Hermanus access road was underway. Thanks to its very own purification plant, though, the water of both the Olympic-size pool and its mid-size counterpart is sparkling clean and very, very inviting. Here, too, toddlers are treated to their own splash pool and the ablution facilities are of the highest standard. **For directions to this pool, call the municipal offices in Hermanus on 028 313 8135.**

