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# Bulletin

Official newsletter of the Overstrand Municipality

## SPOTLESS FINANCIAL AND SERVICE DELIVERY PERFORMANCE

The Overstrand Municipality is proud to announce that the Auditor-General of South Africa awarded a clean audit status to the municipality for the 2012/2013 financial year.

"In the Western Cape, 11 of the 30 municipalities obtained a clean audit and the Overstrand is one of them," said Overstrand Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie.

The Mayor made the announcement at the Special Council meeting where the Draft Annual Report was tabled held in the Auditorium on Wednesday, 22 January. Overstrand Municipality obtained unqualified audit reports for 6 consecutive years - from 2006/07 to 2011/12. An unqualified audit report means that though the affairs of the Municipality were in order, certain matters still had to be attended to by the Municipality.

A clean audit is given when the legal compliance and service delivery reporting is in order - provided that government resources have

been effectively used for the purposes intended.

According to the Auditor-General:

- there were no findings of any material mis-statements in the financial statements prepared by the Municipality in accordance with Section 122 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, No 56 of 2003;
- there were no material findings of any instances of material non-compliance with specific matters in laws and regulations applicable to the Municipality; and
- there were no material findings on the annual performance report concerning the usefulness and the reliability of the information reported by the Municipality.

This means that for the 2012/13 year the Overstrand Municipality obtained a clean audit for its Financial Performance and its Service Delivery Performance.

"I want to thank each and everyone, from

the local politicians, the administration, the External Audit Committee, the External Performance Audit Committee and the Office of the Auditor-General for their hard work and dedication towards achieving this goal for purposes of a clean administration," Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie said. All the communities in the Overstrand can rest assured that the Overstrand Municipality is in good and capable hands.

The draft annual report for 2012/13 will be open for public scrutiny and comment until Friday, 28 February 2014. It can be accessed on the municipal website [www.overstrand.gov.za](http://www.overstrand.gov.za) and hard copies will be available at administrative offices and public libraries.

Council will consider the final annual report, together with all comments and representations received, at a meeting scheduled for 26 March 2014. This meeting will be open to the public.

## LIVE DESIGN - TRANSFORM LIFE

Cape Town is the World Design Capital (WDC) 2014 and two of Overstrand Municipality's innovative water projects have been selected to highlight how design can transform the lives of people and communities and build resilience.

The overall theme of the WDC 2014 is 'Live Design. Transform Life.' - using design and design thinking to improve lives.

Stephen Müller, Director: Infrastructure and Planning, said that World Design Capitals recognise the value of design thinking and are dedicated to using design as tool for social, cultural and economic development.

According to Umvoto Africa, a committed partner of the Municipality and water and earth sciences consultancy, exceptional projects that demonstrate scale and impact and/or make a contribution to the WDC 2014 vision have been selected to form part of the programme. Overstrand Municipality's underground water resources help to augment and diversify municipal water supply for Hermanus and environs and has therefore been recognised in the official programme.

### Our two projects: HERMANUS

Overstrand Municipality is leading the way in diversifying the sources of water and managing surface water storage in conjunction with groundwater.

Overstrand and Umvoto have reached many milestones on this project, including the installation of a telemetry system for remote monitoring and the control of abstraction rates, as well as the undertaking of experimental studies to develop the monitoring of the

regional water table by means of satellite GPS. The latter was a first of its kind in South Africa and was supported by the Water Research Commission.

### STANFORD AQUIFER

(Where underground water occurs in reasonable quantities, it is referred to as an aquifer.)

The potential of groundwater usage is increasingly appealing to forward-thinking municipalities that face growing water shortages as a result of higher residential, business and leisure demands.

For many years, Stanford's water supply was dependent on a fountain, which is well known as 'Die Oog'. However, the town's growing water demand was reaching Die Oog's sustainable yield and in order to augment the future water supply, the development of two boreholes in the Koude Vlake Well Field became a necessity.

"Properly managed groundwater has many advantages over surface water, as aquifers are not subjected to huge losses from evaporation, unlike reservoirs and dams. The cost of drilling boreholes and pumping out the water is usually a fraction of the cost of building dams.

"Groundwater is recharged by rainfall and is therefore a sustainable option, provided that the abstraction of groundwater is properly monitored and managed to ensure that less water is withdrawn than the recharge from rain," Rowena Hay of Umvoto said.





## CANSA RELAY FOR LIFE

Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie encourages the communities from Hermanus, Kleinmond and Gansbaai to support this year's Overstrand Relay for Life, which will be held overnight at Hermanus High School's sports grounds on 15 and 16 March 2014.

Visitors and supporters of the relay teams will be entertained throughout the event and there will be many food stalls to whet your appetite.

The CANSA Relay For Life is part of an international movement that creates awareness about cancer and the survivors of the disease. It also aims to celebrate the lives of those who have passed away and to encourage those who are fighting against cancer.

For further information, visit the website at [www.relayforlife.co.za](http://www.relayforlife.co.za) or contact CANSA's office at 028 316 1486.

## MORE JOBS, BETTER JOBS, DECENT WORK FOR ALL

The Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) was established in terms of a Ministerial code of Good Practice for Public Works programmes. The project was adopted by the Department of Local Economic Development (LED) and is a nationwide programme that provides poverty and income relief through temporary work for the unemployed to carry out socially useful activities and labour intensive projects.

The EPWP is an incentive grant as it enables local municipalities to create temporary job opportunities in their respective communities.

In order to participate in the programme, beneficiaries must be unemployed local residents with a desire to gain work experience. Some of the projects are highly labour intensive and are usually implemented to provide a service to develop an asset for the community.

During the first quarter of the current financial year, a total of 203 job opportunities were created under the EPWP. The number of beneficiaries in the Overstrand region that benefited from the respective projects is indicated below.

Road Safety	19	Duiwelsgat hiking trail	1
Community Safety	29	Dibanisa environmental project	7
Community Fire Protection	50	Gansbaai Waste Removal project	9
Parking Management Services	36	Hermanus Waste Removal	10
EPWP Admin Assistants	4	Kleinmond Waste Removal	10
Maintenance of sports grounds	5	Mountain bike trail	3
Masakhane cleaning of toilets	4	Hermanus Solid Waste	8
Cleaning of taxi rank buildings	2		

If you are unemployed and would like to be part of the various projects in fire-fighting, cleaning, road safety and community safety, your details will be placed on a database for future consideration. Visit the LED Walk-in Centre at 3 Myrtle Street, Hermanus, and bring along your CV and a copy of your ID. You will need to complete a Needs Assessment Form. For further information, please contact Chantelle Hill, LED Project Co-ordinator, at 028 313 5012.

## EARTH HOUR FESTIVAL IN HERMANUS 29 MARCH 2014

Whale Coast Conservation is bringing a whale of a festival to Fisherman's Village in Hermanus in celebration of Earth Hour. This day-long festival of education and entertainment will lead visitors into "Moonlight Avenue" and a unique "Market by Moonlight". The highlight is the hour between 20:30 and 21:30, when the lights are turned down as we symbolically show unity with at least 7 000 cities and towns in 150 countries who are saying, "I care about my planet!"

The Market by Moonlight is an avenue of food and beverage vendors trading from stalls lit by lanterns. The avenue will lead to an entertainment courtyard featuring a full performance stage and continual programme of items from mid-day onwards.



## Kleinmond has a new Area Manager

Desmond Lakey has been appointed as Kleinmond's new Area Manager with effect from 1 March 2014. He succeeds Cecile Jonkhoeid who retired at the end of December.

Desmond holds a number of qualifications, two of which are in the legal field. He is an admitted attorney and has been in charge of Overstrand Municipality's Legal Department for the past seven years. He has also obtained, inter alia, a certificate in Municipal Financial Management from the University of Pretoria, as prescribed by legislation.

"As Chief Legal Advisor, I have become familiar with the many challenges that the Municipality had to overcome in various fields over the years, particularly in view of the fact that, as a local sphere of government, it has to serve citizens at grass-roots level with limited resources. For this reason I commit myself, as the new Senior Manager of the Kleinmond Administration, to drive Council's strategic objectives and to meet the attainable needs of the community within the prescribed legal and financial framework," said Desmond.



Desmond Lakey

## STRONG FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE TO DATE

At a special meeting of the Mayoral Committee and Council held on 22 January 2014, the mid-year budget and performance assessment report for 2013/14 were tabled in terms of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (MFMA).

Year-to-date, 35.17% of the total approved capital budget of R123,5 million has been spent, but if tenders already committed are included, the capital spending stands at 60%. Approximately 45% of the operating expenditure budget of R824 059 174 was spent as at the end of December 2013. The Municipality's positive cash flow remains stable for the said period. The report did not indicate any potential financial problems or risks.

As far as performance management is concerned, the Municipality is on course to reach its targets and performance indicators set in the Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP). The Municipality met 326 (86,47%) of a total number of 377 key performance indicators for the period July 2013 to December 2013. Twenty (5,3%) of the KPIs were almost met and 31 (8,2%) of the indicators were not met.

The quarterly budget report for the period ending December 2013 was also tabled in terms of Section 52(d) of the MFMA.

## TAX-RELATED QUESTIONS FOR THE RECEIVER OF REVENUE?

Please note that SARS will visit the Overstrand for all enquiries relating to tax clearance, status checks and tax returns on the following dates:

18 - 19 February	25 - 26 March
10 - 11 June	15 - 16 July
19 - 20 August	30 September - 1 October
4 - 5 November	

On the Tuesdays they will be available from 08h00 to 18h00 and on the Wednesdays from 08h00 - 14h00 in Harmony House across from the library at the Overstrand Municipality in Hermanus. The venue details for the July to November dates of 2014 will be communicated later.

Enquiries: Nawaal van Rooy at [nvanrooy@sars.gov.za](mailto:nvanrooy@sars.gov.za)

## OVERSTRANDERS CAN LOOK FORWARD TO TWO PIANO RECITALS SHORTLY



At 19h00 on Saturday, 22 March. Konstantin Soukhovetski, First Prize winner at 2007 New Orleans International Piano Competition will play *Prelude and Fugue in C# minor Vol. 1* by Bach; *The Hours* by Philip Glass; *Moonlight Sonata, Op. 27 No. 2* by Beethoven; *Fantasia in d-minor* by Mozart; *La Vallée d'Obermann* by Liszt and *Capriccio* by R. Strauss.



Konstantin Soukhovetski



Ching-Yun Hu

Concert pianist Ching-Yun Hu returns to Overstrand by public demand and will give a recital on Sunday afternoon, 6 April, at 15h30.

Both concerts will be held in the Civic Auditorium in Hermanus. Phone BELLINI GALLERY to book on 028 312 4988. Phone René du Plooy (secretary) on 082 940 4238 for further enquiries.