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# Bulletin

Official newsletter of the Overstrand Municipality

## MAYOR DELIVERS STRATEGIC FORECAST FOR 2010/2011 BUDGET MUNICIPALITY READY FOR ANOTHER TOUGH YEAR

Another tough year is lying ahead for Overstranders, but the municipality is in the fortunate position that it has the leadership and competent officials to deal with the challenges facing us.

That was the message ward committee members and other role players left with from the Municipal Advisory Forum meeting on 24 November 2009, where the Mayor, Cllr Theo Beyleveldt, delivered a strategic forecast for the next financial year.

Also on the agenda was a status report on municipal infrastructure and the 2010/2011 IDP and Budget Process. The meeting was well attended with representatives from all wards.

Mayor Beyleveldt pointed out that the recession had an adverse impact on poverty and resulted in cutbacks by government. Adding to these pressures are the HIV/Aids pandemic and the influx of citizens from neighbouring states. Only eight percent of the population is paying taxes at this stage and the rest is dependent on grants.

Demographic data in the Overstrand is regarded as a big problem because the official figures show a population of just 74 500, while it is clear that the municipality has to deal with the needs of more than one hundred thousand people resident in the area. Grants from national government to relieve the plight of the indigent are determined on the basis of official figures, the Mayor said.

The municipality's ability to finance capital projects through the sale of land is affected by the weak economy and also hampered by long delays in the process caused by objections that could have been dealt with in other ways.

Although the municipality is only an agent for the provision of housing, the system is also putting the municipality's finances under pressure. He cited the Kleinmond project as an example where there is a shortfall of R7 million after the municipality already provided land worth R14 million as well as bulk services at a cost of R16 million. The Mayor warned that the number of houses will have to be reduced if the amount is not forthcoming from government.

He added that densification of low-cost

housing is becoming a priority because land must be used for economic development.

Mr Beyleveldt gave the assurance that at an organisational level, the municipality is functioning well. All directors are appointed with a performance agreement which is evaluated regularly. In addition, the municipality appointed an audit committee, a performance audit committee and committee on fruitless and wasteful expenditure and all are functional.

Some of the issues highlighted by him in an overview of each directorate's performance were:

- A new system for plot clearing operations that will place the responsibility on property owners and help to focus the programme on the real issue, eg fire hazards, is in the offing.
- Area managers are doing sterling work, but there is a need to improve productivity and quality of workmanship on operational level and that can only be done through improved supervision.
- Stringent new requirements since obtaining an unqualified audit report for the previous year will make a repeat performance in this regard almost impossible on technical grounds. He expressed concern about audit costs going up with 35 percent this year.
- Debt Collection remains an important task as a municipality can not be run on debt and needs a healthy cash flow. Strong action will be taken against defaulters, even in the case of big shopping centres.
- Water loss, especially in Betty's Bay where a 60 percent loss is experienced, will receive priority attention. The sharp increase in the cost of water treatment chemicals – up with 268 percent in the previous year – is a big concern.
- After spending R30 million over the past few years on electricity infrastructure, this part of the service is settled, but the issue of Regional Electricity Distribution Suppliers (REDS) is still a threat to municipalities.

- Community Safety has recruited 60 reservists which are being trained now to assist law enforcement officers with their tasks. A new tender has been put out for speed measurement, and the use of CCTV is considered for the Hermanus CBD.
- With the 2010 soccer world cup tournament around the corner, Overstrand can look forward to an extended tourist season. However, public transport remains a major challenge. An economic opportunity to provide public viewing areas in partnership with the private sector and entrepreneurs where residents and visitors can join to share the excitement is currently being investigated.
- The drastic increase in the number of councillors from 19 to 25 to be elected in the 2011 Municipal Elections is creating a need for bigger facilities.

According to Mr Stephen Muller, director of municipal infrastructure and planning, there are no big problems with the provision of electricity immediately, but in some towns the demand is getting close to the supply. With regard to water management, there is a need to diversify the water source mix to make Overstrand less dependent on surface water and to increase the return flow. The use of groundwater is to increase, and desalination will also become more important.

The upgrading of the Gansbaai-Elim road will be continued next year with a budget of R60 million, followed by the doubling of the R44 between the Sandbaai crossing and Mimosa Road in Hermanus (R28 million), the tarring of the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley Road (R130 million) and the Franskraal intersection (R13 million). Planning for a Hermanus by-pass road will also commence in 2010/11.

## WESTERN CAPE'S CLEANEST

Overstrand Municipality reclaimed the Western Cape's Cleanest Town crown this year after winning this competition also in 2003 and 2005 and, by doing so, qualified for the national competition.

Executive Mayor Theo Beyleveldt received the award, which includes prize money of R120 000,00 from Mr Anton Bredell, Western Cape Provincial Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, at a prestigious awards ceremony at the Ritz Hotel on Thursday 26 November 2009. The Minister said Overstrand Municipality demonstrated considerable improvement and hard work since being named the second runner-up in the 2008 competition to now be announced as the 2009 Cleanest Town Competition winner.

The set criteria for judging were divided into two sections: Physical condition and general cleanliness of the town account for 40%, and the support systems and municipal waste initiatives contribute 60% towards the final score.

The Mayor thanked all involved for their hard work to make this possible and emphasised that it called for a total effort from all. He said the competition was extremely tough.



Overstrand Mayor Theo Beyleveldt, Mr Gottlieb Arendse (Departmental Waste Director), Mr Rudi Ellis (Head of Department), Mr Johan van Taak (Overstrand's Manager of Solid Waste) and Mr Anton Bredell, Western Cape MEC for Local Government, at the handing over of the first prize for the Cleanest Town of the Year in the Western Cape

# WATER WISE TIPS FOR HOUSEHOLDS

We all know that water is becoming scarce and must be managed better. That was the main reason behind Overstrand Municipality's new Water Tariff Structure that was implemented at the beginning of the financial year in June. Here are a few tips on how to save water and keep your costs under control.

## In your home:

- Shower rather than bath. This saves up to a third of water used.
- Take shorter showers.
- Use water saving shower heads that deliver a max of 10 litres of water per minute.
- Choose shower heads that have a "shower off" button to conserve water while you lather up.
- A medium sized bath about 1500 mm long is as comfortable and cleansing as a big bath, and uses a great deal less water.
- Install wash basin taps with aerator outlets. The aerator mixes air with water, resulting in a lower flow rate (5-10 litres per minute which splashes less).
- Don't let water run in the basin. While shaving or brushing teeth, keep the tap turned off.
- A pressure control valve controls the fluctuation of pressure through the home's plumbing system and prevents imbalances in the system.
- Fix those leaky toilets and taps!
- Avoid using colouring for toilet water

as these introduce chemicals into the eco-system which can be dangerous and costly to filter out.

- Don't waste water just because someone else is footing the bill, such as at restaurants and hotels.
- Fill a bowl of water to clean vegetables, instead of rinsing them under a running tap.
- A front-loading washing machine uses up to 40% less water than a top-loading model.
- Reduced flow pressure reduces the amount of water used. The main benefits: water saving and a balance between hot and cold water systems.

## In your garden:

- Use a broom, not a hose, to clear leaves from your driveway
- Report broken pipes, open hydrants, et cetera to local authorities.
- Plant indigenous plants – in general, they require less water.
- Water your garden in the early morning to prevent excessive evaporation.
- Don't buy water toys that require a constant stream of water.
- Cover the swimming pool to slow down the evaporation of water.
- Choose organic fertilizer.

Do one thing each day that can save water – every drop counts!

Source [http://www.ewt.org.za/green\\_tips8.aspx](http://www.ewt.org.za/green_tips8.aspx)

# THE BIG BLUE(s) FESTIVAL



Come and celebrate summer, sun and sea in Kleinmond with The Big Blue(s) Festival from 8-10 January 2010. Some of SA's most popular Rock, Blues and Jazz artists will offer three days of world-class entertainment alongside the magnificent Kleinmond Lagoon.

The festival also offers a variety of family and fun activities: kiddies entertainment (pony rides, petting zoo, jumping castles, competitions); paintball; arts and crafts stalls; exhibitions; food stalls (including fresh seafood and delicious potjiekos); a sociable beer tent; Overberg wine stalls and sporting competitions like the TotalSports Challenge, mountain bike race, night race, beach miles, volleyball, golf and more! A KidsCan! I-Sing Competition and a Kleinmond's Got Talent Show will also be presented.

Camping as well as other accommodation options in Rooiels, Pringle Bay, Betty's Bay and Kleinmond is available.

## MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS:

**Dan Patlansky** - One of the busiest and most respected blues artists to ever come out of South Africa;

**Piet Botha & Jack Hammer** – They have been pounding down the highway since 1984 and show no signs of slowing down;

**CODA** – Their music is an all-body

experience - you'll find your feet tingling with the dance-evoking groove and your jaw-dropping at the breathtaking spectacle of colour and energy;

**Anton Goosen** – He was awarded the Life Achievement SAMA award (the highest music award in SA) for his individual contribution to South African music.

## Other artists include:

Akkedis, Tribal Echo, Boulevard Blues Band, In The Deepend, Matthew Kruger, Diamondback, Albert Combrink & Louise Howlett and more!

## TICKETS AVAILABLE AT COMPUTICKET OR CONTACT:

Hangklip-Kleinmond Tourism Bureau on 028 271 5657 or [info@ecoscape.org.za](mailto:info@ecoscape.org.za)

## Visit our websites

[www.thebigblue.co.za](http://www.thebigblue.co.za);

[www.ecoscape.org.za](http://www.ecoscape.org.za) or join us on Facebook! Weekend Pass: R80.00 pp

Friday/Saturday Pass: R50.00 pp

Sunday Pass: R30.00 pp

Children under 12 enter free if accompanied by an adult!

Discounts apply for pensioners, students, learners and groups.

# POLICE COMMUNITY FORUM



# ROAD SAFETY

Festive seasons, such as the Christmas holiday period, have one common denominator: Thousands of people travel to their holiday destinations or to visit their families. During this period, hundreds of lives are jeopardized, or even lost, due to road accidents.

The World Health Organisation estimates that more than 1,2 million people die each year on the world's roads and between 20 and 50 million suffer serious injuries. According to this body, by 2010, road trauma will rank as the sixth biggest cause of death.

Let us not become part of the statistics of a festive season. Let us commit ourselves to:

- Use a seat belt.
- Wear a helmet on a motor cycle.
- Drive at a safe speed and distance suitable for the conditions.

- Refrain from driving when under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Refrain from using a cell phone when driving.
- Be visible as a pedestrian or cyclist.
- Know and respect the highway code.
- Maintain our vehicles in a good condition.
- Be licensed and trained for the vehicles we drive.
- Know how to react in a case of a crash.

Road safety must be a priority which will only be achieved when a higher value is placed on life and when those we share our community with are respected. Drive safely in and on your way to and from the Overstrand and arrive alive! [Source: Servamus]

Contact Hennie Westraad, chairperson of the Hermanus PCF, on **082 820 4811** if you want to share any ideas on community safety.



# OAK ENSEMBLE'S FIRST

The OAK Ensemble conducted by Anna-Marié Kotze had its first performance in the foyer of the Municipal Auditorium on 29 November with Christmas Carols and movements from two De Fesch sonatas. Ten players participated: three first violins, two second violins, two violas, two cellos and a double bass, all from our area. They are working on their repertoire and hope to perform more often during the new year. If you are interested in joining them, please phone Barbara Pretorius at 028 312 1438.

On 17 January 2010, the Michaelis Players from Cape Town (a trio) will perform during the first concert organised by OAK for 2010. All bookings can be made at BELLINI.



# How to register for the Municipality's SMS service

SMS your account number with the letters **SMS** to **082 338 1631** or contact a Client Services Officer at your closest Rates Hall.



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