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# Bulletin

Official newsletter of the Overstrand Municipality

## NIGHT OF EXCELLENCE FOURTEEN CROWNED FOR EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Overstrand Municipality is in the enviable position that some of the country's best talent resides in this area or have close ties with the region. As a result of their association with the area, they not only promote Overstrand's image but many of them voluntarily also plough back some of their time, money and energy into our community.

For this reason, Executive Mayor, Cllr Theo Beyleveldt, to accord recognition to exemplary residents in a fitting manner, hosted a Night of Excellence in the Overstrand Civic Centre in Hermanus on 13 March 2009...the first of which is hopefully to become one of this young municipality's major traditions.

Performances by several local artists, such as Die Vyf Menere and Hermanus Peace Brothers under the comical compèreship of actress Marga van Rooy, set the scene for the honouring of fourteen recipients for their contributions on the terrains of service to the community, arts and culture, sports and recreation and/or trade and commerce.

On the terrain of service to the community, the following people were exemplified:

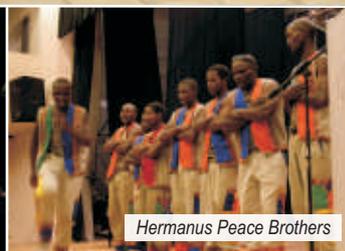
- David Beattie, the man whose vision and organisational skills turned Hermanus' cliff paths into a pride and joy for the town and all who reside here while his Cliff-path Management Group now serves as a model for similar initiatives, both within and outside Overstrand;
- Tim Hamilton-Russell, architect of the wine industry in Overstrand who not only used his expertise and perseverance to open the doors to a whole new industry but also made a valuable contribution towards the preservation of Hermanus' heritage;
- Henri Kuiper, founder of the Enlighten Education Trust who came to the realisation that, on the terrain of education, some extraordinary measures will be required if a real difference is to be made in the lives of our area's residents and who worked relentlessly and passionately on realising a dream;
- Theo de Wet, one of the mainstays of the Enlighten Education Trust and manager of the Junior Council whereby young leaders from within our area can be identified at an early age and equipped



In the spotlight at the Night of Excellence: Verrell Herbert, Deputy Mayor; Esje du Toit, Theo de Wet, David Beatty, Marianné Beyleveldt, Nothabile Alam, Theo Beyleveldt, Mayor; Tim Hamilton-Russell, Gio Aplon, Henri Kuiper, Theo de Meyer and Danie Rautenbach.



Die Vyf Menere



Hermanus Peace Brothers



Marga van Rooy

for their future task whilst operating under the motto "we learn while we lead";

- Nothobile Alam, community worker and stalwart of the Rainbow Trust who through perseverance and commitment ensures that people in Zwelihle who live with HIV/Aids are cared for on a daily basis;
- Theo de Meyer, a philanthropist who through his compassionate nature and ongoing work amongst the poorest of the poor has become a father figure in the Zwelihle community;
- Estelle le Roux, whose passion for the protection of animals resulted in the phenomenal success of the Kleinmond Animal Welfare Society, not only as far as the development of excellent facilities is concerned but in terms of educating poor communities and making them aware of the plight of animals;
- Tommy Gelderblom, who as a community leader in Hawston is always willing to render assistance to others and as chairperson of the Overstrand Care Centre ensured that this organisation is

managed according to the highest standards; and

- Michael Lutzeyer, a leader in the areas of both tourism and community development who recognised the unifying power of sports and relentlessly campaigned for the development of the ABSA Gansbaai Sports Centre with the aid of foreign funding and support.

On the terrain of sports and recreation, the following have been honoured:

- Captain Danie Rautenbach, founder of the Gansbaai Wrestling Club who, since 1998, delivered two junior Springboks, 20 SA champions and 65 provincial champions and who coached the national teams to Turkey (2006 and 2008), Scotland and the Commonwealth Games;
- Gio Aplon, son of the Hawston fishing community who, despite several disappointments, persevered in developing his rugby talent right up to the point where he has earned his place on the Springbok Sevens team, the Stormers and WP team and have even been crowned as

Player of the Sevens Series in France and for the Best Try in the Currie Cup;

- Fanie van der Merwe, winner of two gold medals in the Paralympics in Beijing who has suffered from cerebral palsy since birth and who through hard work and perseverance came out tops; sweet-tempered by nature, he serves as a brilliant ambassador for South Africa; and
- Naomi Muller, South Africa's foremost long-distance rider and the South African who holds the highest position on the international equestrian federation's ranking list, resides on a farm in the Hemel-and-Aarde valley and is married to a municipal official; to date, she has represented South Africa on six occasions.

And for her contribution on the terrain of arts and culture:

- Esje du Toit, chronicler of Overberg's history—notably that of the people from Hermanus and Stanford—whose diligence, despite the restraints imposed by personal circumstances, will be hard act to follow.

# EXCITEMENT ABOUT UNIQUE QUADATHLON

Excitement is growing for the first-ever quadathlon to be held in and around Walker Bay, the whale sanctuary in the heart of Overstrand. The four-discipline event on Monday 13 April 2009 will take participants on a 2,5km swim, a 5,5km run, a 23km cycle route and a 21km sea-kayak row for a full 52 km circle along and across the bay. Prize money of R10 000, donated by Whalecoast Marketing, is up for grabs. Participants can enter as individuals or as a team representing sporting groups or corporate companies. The historical Old Harbour is the finishing venue and will be a hive of activity on the day. Bring your families and friends to cheer the athletes on and to enjoy a feast of food and drink.

Enquiries can be directed to MC Botha at Sea-and-Sand, tel 028 314 0252 / 083 273 8238, or e-mail mc@hermanus.cc

## REPORT FRAUD HERE

As part of its Fraud Prevention Plan, Overstrand Municipality encourages its clients to make use of the National Fraud Hotline to bring irregularities to the attention of the authorities. The number is 0800 701 701.

Although it is expected of the reporter to state his/her name for investigation purposes, such a person can insist on remaining anonymous. Naturally, complainants are welcome to report irregularities directly to the Executive Mayor, the Municipal Manager or the Internal Auditor.



## MORAL STANDARDS INITIATIVE: N° 1 THE VALUE OF TRUSTWORTHINESS

Overstrand Municipality supports the Moral Standards Initiative in its attempt to re-establish six basic values in our communities. In conjunction with the local authority, other major role players such as schools, churches and employers pledged their support for this initiative or could still join the initiative.

The first of these values to be highlighted this month is TRUSTWORTHINESS. Over the course of the next months, the Bulletin will also attend to the remaining five: Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Good Citizenship.

We all yearn to live in an environment where we can trust people and things. We want to drive a reliable vehicle; we want a steady electricity and water supply, and we want dependable service delivery.

The examples of how we yearn for trustworthiness are numerous, but mostly we want to experience those who have an impact on our lives as trustworthy: our loved ones, our friends, the politicians, the people with whom we do business, to mention but a few.

Unfortunately, we live in a society characterised by a high incidence of untrustworthiness. All of us can cite many examples of this phenomenon. Naturally, this immediately gives rise to the question: Do we experience a culture and character of trustworthiness here in our very own living environment, or not?

What can we do to entrench and enhance TRUSTWORTHINESS as one of our community's characteristics? The

answer is quite simple: Remember, trust-worthiness is not an intangible concept. It finds expression in the way you think and act towards others. Thus, to be trustworthy starts with you: the individual.

In short, trustworthiness finds expression in the virtues one displays. It includes steadfast integrity; in other words, rather be principled than an opportunist. Likewise you will know that you are dealing with a trustworthy person when promises are met unconditionally, and then in keeping with agreed upon requirements. Trustworthiness, of course, necessitates that you should be loyal towards those who depend on you, even if this requires sacrifices. Furthermore, trustworthiness can be equated to absolute honesty and a commitment to the truth, which of necessity implies that deception, fraud and/or corruption are out of the question, always.

Let's join forces to make trustworthiness a special feature of our community: its people, its business environments and all its institutions. The best place to start is, of course, with yourself and your family. If we can be completely honest with one another and honour our commitments in our homes, we have laid the foundation for trustworthiness in the context of a broader community.

For further information, contact Ernst Kretschmer at 082 412 4538 or Ronél Mostert at 082 470 3975. Financial contributions are welcome and can be paid into the account of Hermanus Transformation Association at Nedbank's Hermanus branch. The account number is 1345027931.

## APPEALS AGAINST CBD RELIEF ROAD RECORD OF DECISION DISMISSED

Executive Mayor Theo Beylvelde announced at the February Council Meeting that the appeals against the Record of Decision of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning regarding the environmental impact assessment of the Hermanus CBD Relief Road Project were dismissed by the Western Cape MEC for Local Government, Mr Pierre Uys.

This is bringing the Station Site Development saga almost to a close, and he said that work will start soon on this much needed economic injection for the area, which will also revitalise the central business district of Hermanus.

According to Mr Stephen Muller, Director of Infrastructure and Planning, tenders will be called for the project during April 2009. If everything goes well, road building works will start middle June.

The project consists of the relining of the by-pass route from the intersection at Main Road and Spence Street up to where it will

rejoin Main Road in the vicinity of the Marine Hotel. Three traffic circles will be constructed. The total cost of the upgrading is estimated at R28 million.

The project will take place in different phases. More information about road closures and alternative routes will follow at a later stage after consideration of practicalities with the successful tenderer, Mr Muller said.

Mr Muller also announced that the upgrading of Market Square will commence during May. This will be the third phase of the beautification of Hermanus' waterfront and was preceded by the Cliff Tops and the Gearing's Point projects. Although the tender process has not been completed yet, it is estimated that the project will cost between R5 million and R6 million. Part of the project is to redevelop the traders' area, to provide public toilets and to establish a tourist information point in the area.

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR'S ENVIRONMENT TROPHY

It is once again a privilege for the Overstrand Conservation Forum (OCF) to call for nominations for the prestigious Mayor's Award for Conservation in the Overstrand. The winner will be announced at an award ceremony on Thursday 11th June 2009 in celebration of World Environment Day.

The recipient of the award will be either an individual or an organisation that has made an exceptional contribution to environmental conservation within the Overstrand Municipal area.

Nominations must reach the OCF before 30 April 2009 on an entry form supported by a written motivation describing the outstanding contribution to environmental conservation made by the person or organisation.

A full set of criteria and guidelines for drawing up proposals is available from the OCF office and on the OCF website ([www.ocf.co.za](http://www.ocf.co.za)) or contact Megan at [ocf@telkomsa.net](mailto:ocf@telkomsa.net).

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