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# Bulletin

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## GROWTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGY IN FINAL STAGES OF COMPLETION

Public participation in the process of compiling a growth management strategy for Overstrand Municipality drew to an end on 30 June, with several excellent contributions received from individuals and organisations.

These will now be considered by the consultant, Urban Dynamics, before the final strategy will be submitted for approval by Council.

The need to improve the sustainability of the Overstrand's natural and built environment is a general concern of Council and relates to the fact that natural undeveloped areas and agricultural land resources on the edge of Overstrand towns are increasingly being consumed by urban development. These areas form, amongst others, the natural resource base of Overstrand's tourism industry.

To improve the Municipality's sustainability, the efficiency of land use and infrastructure as well as the provision of community facilities needs to be rationalised and improved within the existing urban edges, as set out in the Council-approved Overstrand Spatial Development Framework (SDF) 2006.

The draft strategy document was available in the Gansbaai, Stanford, Hermanus, Hawston, Kleinmond and Betty's Bay municipal libraries and public open sessions were held in Hermanus, Gansbaai and Kleinmond.



The cover of the draft strategy document.

The objectives of this strategy are to:

- provide an integrated policy framework
- integrate, update and rationalise services provision, infrastructure planning and budgeting, as well as implementation, as part of a sustainable, cohesive growth management strategy for the Overstrand Municipal IDP (Integrated Development Plan);
- align density patterns, trends and proposals with land use management/zoning regulations and infrastructural capacity and future provision; and
- identify pragmatic mechanisms and processes (ranging from area-wide to local level) to facilitate and support the appropriate planned implementation and management of higher densities.

Mechanisms used to achieve this must be sensitive to the specific character, heritage and environment (built and natural) as well as the socio-economic needs of the various local areas. The finalised growth management policy and its strategy will provide a degree of certainty as to the location, form and density of future development and growth that is foreseen for the specific local area.

This strategy does not grant or limit rights but provides guidelines which, once finally approved by Council, will be used by the competent decision makers.

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## EXPECT STRONG ACTION AGAINST SPEED OFFENDERS

Overstrand Municipality's contract with South Africa's leading speed law enforcement support company, TCS, is now firmly in place and strong action against offenders can be expected.

This appointment was held up by an appeal in terms of the municipality's procurement policy. In total, six firms put in tenders for this contract that will amount to an estimated R1,8 million per year. The exact amount will depend on the success achieved with its service, as TCS will be paid a monthly service fee calculated according to the fines paid within a calendar month.

TCS was contracted for two years, ending 30 June 2011, to provide the necessary technology and back-office administrative services to enhance the municipality's speed law enforcement functions.

This includes the supply, service and calibration of four mobile speed cameras and 14 fixed cameras at hot spots all over Overstrand, provided that the municipality's application for approval of these sites to the Director of Public Prosecution is successful. Special attention will be paid to back-office administration which will be performed on the premises of the Traffic Department under supervision of the service provider. Traffic Department

management will oversee the process, and monthly reports will be provided to the municipality. Back-office operations are vital to law enforcement in order to ensure that cases are pro-cessed and executed effectively.

TCS is a well-known South African operator which has been in operation for 30 years. With more than 116 installed sites, TCS is the biggest supplier of traffic law enforcement software and camera technology in the country. Its head office is in Pretoria, and there is a regional office in Cape Town. The firm has entered into a joint venture with Debt Collection Services, a leading provider of revenue collection services with a staff complement of 2 400 and a call centre facility, to enable it to track and trace offenders with outstanding fines.

Overstrand Traffic Department will from time to time hold road blocks and use number plate recognition equipment to serve summonses and warrants of arrest.

A website will soon be available for the public to register and gain access to their outstanding fines. They can also visit the Traffic Department's offices to verify whether all fines have been paid.

When a new fine is processed, a registered client will receive an SMS to inform him/her about the development.



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# REVISED IDP MUST GUIDE US TO PROSPERITY

The last revision of the current Integrated Development Plan, a plan compiled and approved in 2006/7 to run concurrently with the term of the incumbent municipal council, was approved by Council recently.

Mayor Theo Beyleveldt said that over the past few years, Council has learnt to value and appreciate this document as the key to the life of a municipality. It set out their strategic direction and guided the community, council and municipal officials in their efforts to improve the quality of life and the environment in Overstrand, given the limited resources at their disposal.

Following on the municipal elections next year, officials will work together with the new council and community structures to draft a completely new plan. However, with the success achieved with the current plan, everyone involved will appreciate the importance of this plan and work from the premise that Overstranders expect an even better product, he said.

Without a doubt, the most important contribution stemming from the current Integrated Development Plan (IDP) was the striking vision statement: TO BE A CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR OUR COMMUNITY — simple, yet inspiring! Over the past five years, this served as the guiding principle for all involved, and he trusts it will serve as a beacon when setting the course for the years ahead, remarked the Mayor.

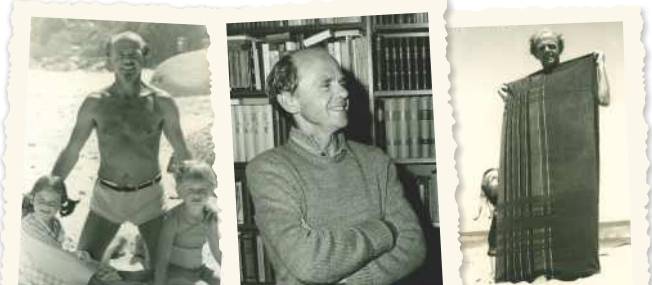
He went on to state that, by nature, compiling and updating an IDP necessitates extensive collaboration with communities to ensure that all stakeholders have their say.

To this end, a lot of time was devoted to engaging ward committees, organisations and interested parties to ascertain exactly what the needs of our people are. In the process, the Mayor remarked, Council not only gained insight into the diverse nature of our communities but also came to appreciate just how vulnerable some of Overstrand's most valuable, albeit not always fully appreciated, assets are. Here, the natural beauty that surrounds us comes to mind.

In essence, according to the Mayor, an IDP underscores just how important it is for those at the forefront of local governance to keep their collective eye firmly on the ball and not to deviate from managerial practices that are simultaneously effective, efficient and economical. This, he said, is the only way a council can ensure that its strategic objectives are realised: be it over the short, medium or long term.

In his address, Mayor Beyleveldt also made mention of national government's TURNAROUND STRATEGY, a strategy aimed at restoring the confidence of the majority of our people in municipalities. Overstrand Municipality fully endorses the five strategic objectives of this strategy, namely:

- To ensure that the basic service needs of communities are met;
- To build a clean, effective, efficient, responsive and accountable local government;
- To improve performance and professionalism in municipalities;
- To improve national and provincial policy, oversight and support; and
- To strengthen partnerships between local government, communities and civil society.



## PAY HOMAGE TO UYS AT KALFIEFEES

As main sponsor of the annual Kalfiefees, Overstrand Municipality takes pride in the fact that this arts festival has not only firmly established itself on the Western Cape's calendar of events but has now been hosted successfully for ten consecutive years.

Commencing on Thursday 5 August and running until Monday 9 August, visitors attending this year's festival can once again look forward to top-notch entertainment.

Homage will be paid to Uys Krige, a former resident of Onrus who would have turned a 100 this year, with a production of *Die Ryk Weduwee* where the star-studded cast includes Elsabe Daneel, amongst others.

The renowned poet Petra Müller is the recipient of the 2010 Kalfiefees Tile, and her work will be the topic of one of the presentations in the Roos Tent. Several other writers and books will also be subjected to close scrutiny.

Amongst the productions included in a brilliant line-up are *Dinsdae by Morrie* with Chris van Niekerk and Pedro Kruger which recently sold out at the Volksblad Festival and *My Sarie Marais* starring Hanli Rolfes and Deon Coetzee.

Two English productions, the award-winning *Normality* by Hennie van Greunen

with Pedro Kruger and the comedy *Monkey Nuts* with Matthew Ribnick, will be staged especially for English-speaking theatre lovers, while *Iets uit Niets* and *Rooikappie en die Wolf* will ensure that the kids enjoy their fair share of the entertainment too.

Ever-popular music stars such as Amanda Strydom, Mathys Roets (*Droomvrouens*), Adamsappel and Niël Rademan (*Classic to Cabaret*) will also be performing at the festival, and lovers of all things classical can look forward to a *Symphony Concert* by Stellenbosch University's Camerata.

The topic of *The Great Debate*, a discussion conducted over breakfast, will be *Democracy or Not?*

*Eve, get out of your Box* is the theme of the Women's Day Breakfast which will be hosted jointly by the mayoress Maraai and the Kalfiefees, an event at which *Overstrand's Women of the Year* are to be honoured too.

Bookings can be made at the Kalfiefees Office or by calling 028 316 1687, or visit our website [www.kalfiefees-hermanus.co.za](http://www.kalfiefees-hermanus.co.za) for more information.

## WHALE BIRTHDAY BASH

On Tuesday, 22 September 2009, Maraai will be hosting a "birthday bash" in collaboration with the Whale Festival Committee for those aged seventy-plus residing in the Greater Hermanus area. The party kicks off at 10:30 in the Sandbaai Hall where local artists will be entertaining the guests. Separate parties will be hosted a little later this year in Hangklip-Kleinmond

and Gansbaai/Stanford.

If you would like to obtain tickets for the bash, or are interested in acting as a hostess for a table, please feel free to contact Elize Verrij on tel 028 313 8058, fax 028 313 8067 or email [everrij@overstrand.gov.za](mailto:everrij@overstrand.gov.za)

## POLICE COMMUNITY FORUM

### HOUSE NUMBERING



Paris is said to have been the first city to introduce house numbering on the Notre-Dame in 1512. In Europe and South

Africa, the most common numbering scheme is to number each plot on one side of the road with ascending odd numbers from 1 and those on the other with ascending even numbers from 2 or, sometimes, from 0. The odd numbers are usually on the left side of the road facing the direction in which the numbers increase. Where additional buildings are inserted or erven subdivided, those are often suffixed with an alphabetical character, for example 10A and 10B.

The British started numbering in 1765 to give effect to the Postage Act of 1765. Some UK local authorities avoid using the number 13 for house numbering because of the superstition that this number is unlucky.

In Holland, the town of Haarlem uses red numbers for upstairs apartments. In the USA, houses in streets running from north to south are even numbered differently than those in streets running from east to west. Furthermore, in the USA, a

fine of \$500 (R3 750,00) is imposed should one fail to number one's house.

All of the information above is to inspire you as a resident of Overstrand to number your house properly as this is a common problem for all Community Police Forums. Numbering of houses may seem to be trivial but could potentially save lives.

You can make life much easier for the men and women in blue, as well as in a whole array of other service delivery colours. In this way, you will assist them to find your home much quicker when they have to respond to a call-out or investigate a complaint. Not having house numbers will slow down reaction time and will result in negative perceptions about service delivery by the police and other institutions.

In the interest of your own safety do the right thing: number your house. If you do not know the number, contact your closest municipal office for assistance. If you have any ideas to improve Community Safety or would like to discuss issues, contact Hennie Westraat, Chairperson of the Hermanus CPF, on 082 820 4811.

## RUSSIAN PIANIST HERE

OAK is hosting the very popular TYGERBERG CHILDREN'S CHOIR under the baton of Hennie Look on Friday, 6 August during the Kalfiefees. They will perform in the NG Church in Hermanus.

During August, we are celebrating CHOPIN, and Russian pianist, Vassili Primakov, will be our guest artist on Friday, 27 August. Bookings can be made at BELLINI on 028 312 4988. All enquiries to René du Plooy on 082 940 4238 or [renedup@telkomsa.net](mailto:renedup@telkomsa.net)



Tygerberg Children's Choir