



PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE :

COMMUNITY SERVICES

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OVERSTRAND MUNICIPALITY: STATUS OF CEMETERIES AS AT FINANCIAL
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10 June 2026 (028) 313 8144**

1. Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to inform the Council of the Overstrand Municipality's status of cemeteries as at financial year-end 2025/2026.

2. Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan - IGNITE

Directorate: Community Service

Department: Parks, Recreation, Cemeteries & Refuse Removal

3. Compliance with Strategic Priorities

Provision of democratic, accountable and ethical governance

Provision and maintenance of municipal services

Creation and maintenance of a safe and healthy environment

4. Delegated Authority

None

5. Legal Requirements

Constitution of South Africa, 1996

Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000

Births and Death Registrations Amendment Act 18 of 2010

Overstrand Municipality By-law Relating to Cemeteries 2022

Overstrand Municipality Cemetery Policy 2023

Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) 2025/2026

6. Background/Discussion/Evaluation/Conclusion

Background

The Overstrand Municipality currently has eleven (11) active cemeteries. During the special Council meeting held on 25 August 2010, it was resolved that the Municipality should commence with ***“.... the establishment of a regional cemetery at Karwyderskraal as several town burial sites are***

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almost full....”. Subsequent to that last-mentioned Council resolution, the formal Overstrand cemetery site investigation report was produced. Karwyderskraal was identified as a potential regional cemetery site for Hermanus, Hawston, and Kleinmond.

However, it also emerged that the Municipality does not have a municipal crematorium. Provision for a crematorium was therefore made at the Overstrand Regional Cemetery located at Karwyderskraal. The Overstrand Regional Cemetery has been operational since 2020/2021 financial year. It is located approximately 17 kilometers outside Hermanus CBD, and 7 kilometers outside ward 8 (Hawston / Fisherhaven) with an estimated lifespan of 100 years or more.

Discussion

Status of Cemeteries at Financial Year-End 2025/2026

Overstrand Municipality: Integrated Development Plan (IDP) review 2026/2027 reflects the capital projects for various Wards. It should be noted that at least three Wards (Ward 2,8 and 14) have registered a need to establish or expand their existing cemetery sites in their locality.

The active cemeteries have combined capacity of **36,643** sites of which **20,456** sites are available. A total number of approximately 16,984 burial sites can be accommodated in the Overstrand Regional Cemetery (**Refer to Annexure A**). Table 1: below represents service statistics for cemeteries in the Overstrand area for the period of 5 years from July 2021 to June 2026. The average number of burials is 251 per year, whereas the average number of pauper burials is 9 per year.

TABLE 1: Service Statistics for Cemeteries

Type of service	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Pauper burials	1	2	12	10	18
Burials	282	247	195	273	258

Challenges / shortcomings

- Unstable sandy soil conditions cause graves to collapse during digging, posing a high risk when members of the public dig graves themselves.
- The lack of ablution facilities, as well as theft and vandalism at cemeteries, is a concern that needs to be planned for and addressed.
- Some of the cemeteries are reaching the end of their lifespan, and there is no land identified or available in proximity to the affected communities.
- The majority of vehicles servicing the cemeteries have exceeded their useful life and need to be replaced gradually, as budgetary provisions allow.

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7. Financial Implications

None

8. Staff Implications

None

9. Comments from Departments, Divisions and Administrations

None

10. Annexures

Annexure A: Status of Cemeteries

RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL:

that the status report for Overstrand cemeteries as at financial year-end 2025/2026, **be noted**.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL:

D NEL

TARGET DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION:

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THIS MATTER SERVED BEFORE THE JOINT PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON 18 AUGUST 2026, WHICH COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

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OVERSTRAND BURIAL MANAGEMENT TOTAL STATUS PER ACTIVE BURIAL SITES PER GRAVEYARD					
AREA	NAME OF ACTIVE CEMENTERY	OCCUPIED	VACANT	RESERVED	TOTAL
GANSBAAI	GANSBAAI NEW (Franken Street)	408	435	241	1084
	GANSBAAI OLD (Middelkusweg Street)	674	0	180	854
	BLOMPARK	1106	25	12	1143
Sub-total 1		2188	460	433	3081
HERMANUS	HAWSTON	2593	0	141	2734
	HERMANUS	5794	10	64	5868
	MOUNT PLEASANT	2568	0	26	2594
	ONRUS RIVER	1662	1338	196	3196
Sub-total 2		12617	1348	427	14392
KLEINMOND	KLEINMOND	563	0	47	610
	PALMIET	145	675	0	820
Sub-total 3		708	675	47	1430
STANFORD	STANFORD	658	69	13	740
Sub-total 4		658	69	13	740
HERMANUS	OVERSTRAND REGIONAL CEMETERY (KARWYDESKRAAL)	16	16984	0	17000
Sub-total 5		16	16984	0	17000
GRAND TOTAL		16187	19536	920	36643