

NOVEMBER 2018

**24-hour Emergency Fire Brigade** 028 313 8000/8111  
028 312 2400

# Bulletin

Official newsletter of the Overstrand Municipality

## EXTRAORDINARY "ORDINARY" MEN AND WOMEN HONoured AT PRESTIGIOUS GALA EVENT

At a gala event held in the Hermanus Auditorium on Thursday evening 4 October 2018, Overstrand honoured those achievers who selflessly devote their expertise, time and energy to making a difference in the lives of others.

Members of the public had the opportunity to nominate achievers for the prestigious Mayoral Award in one of seven categories, while an eighth category, Lifetime Achievement, was also introduced for the first time this year.

In his address, Overstrand Executive Mayor Ald Dudley Coetzee quoted former president Nelson Mandela who once remarked, "There are so many men and women who hold no distinctive positions, but whose contribution towards the development of society has been enormous."

"In my opinion," Coetzee said, "those words resonate completely with an awards ceremony of this nature and the reason why we are here to celebrate and honour these ordinary, yet special men and women."

"These exceptional people have managed to draw themselves away from incredibly busy lives to do extraordinary deeds of kindness and, through

these unselfish efforts, have done much to uplift and empower the members of their respective communities.

"The presentations we will witness here this evening will give us but a glimpse into these amazing individuals who have shared their passion and remarkable skills in various ways: From the conservation of the environment to the establishment of early childhood development programmes, to the imparting of sport and associated life skills, and also the implementing of youth and senior citizen empowerment programmes.

"Added to this is the development of skills and job creation programmes, the promotion of healthier and more informed interaction between people and marine life, and moreover the elevation of and empowerment of women, to name but a few.

"We are humbled, but also inspired, by the dedication and unfailing commitment of these very special people who constantly put the needs of their communities ahead of themselves.

"Each one of these achievers is a beacon of hope, and have each become role models in their own unique way, being shining examples of what can be done when even just one person steps up and asks those all important questions: 'What can I do to help? How can I possibly make a difference?'

"Honouring these achievers is just our humble way of saying 'thank you' and to acknowledge the tremendous contributions they have made to society.

"I am especially honoured to extend my heartiest congratulations to the first-ever recipients of the newly instituted **Lifetime Achievement Mayoral Award** - a couple that not only continue to inspire, but who have been a constant source of encouragement to so many across the Overstrand over the course of their remarkable journey.

"Henri and Garnie Kuiper are 93-and-a-half and 94 years young respectively and have been married for 70-plus years. "A former advocate, Henri on retiring found the Enlighten Education Trust that has become a much-needed and vital platform for the development and upliftment of our youth and the community at large.

"Garnie, on the other hand, has been one of the hackers who for many years helped to keep the mountains of Hermanus clear of alien vegetation.

"Henri and Garnie, Overstrand Municipality and all who have had the distinct pleasure of engaging with you are deeply thankful for your enthusiasm and incredible unselfish efforts. It is our sincere wish that you will remain such a tremendous beacon of encouragement to those who will hopefully follow your sterling example for many years to come," the Mayor said.



Pictured here are the mayoral couple, Ald Dudley Coetzee and his wife Shirley, flanked by Garnie and Henri Kuiper with the winner of the category Junior Achiever, Inga Mfundisi, in the front row. In the back row are (from left to right), Glenda Kitley, winner of the category Tourism and Development; Jolande Sauls, winner of the category Woman of the Year; Thozamile Stuurman, winner of the category Entrepreneurial Achievements; and Thomas Lefu Lebisa, winner of the category Achievers of Excellence.

Absent is Dr Dianne Jean Marais, recipient of the Mayoral Award for Environmental Conservation, who unfortunately could not attend the event. Also recognised for their contributions towards environmental conservation were Frank Woodvine, Priscilla Drewe, Belle Barker and Lee Burman who were rewarded with the title "Honorary Field Ranger".

## GOVERNMENT BRINGS SERVICES TO ZWELIHLE COMMUNITY

The turnout was exceptional during the "Emergency Thusong Outreach" held in Zwelihle from 3-4 October 2018. This event was one of several arranged to assist the community of Zwelihle following on the unrests.

The Department of Local Government, in partnership with Overstrand Municipality, and several other provincial departments came together under one roof to bring their services to the doorstep of Zwelihle residents. Together, they managed to assist more than a thousand residents during the two-day event.

For the past six years, the Department of Local Government has been responsible for organising Thusong Outreach events to bring the government's basket of services closer to people who, otherwise, would have to travel long distances to meet with the relevant government institutions. This emergency outreach, however, particularly aimed to assist residents who may have lost important documentation such as identity documents and birth certificates during the recent unrests.

In addition, the Department of Health conducted health screening and HIV counselling/testing over the two-day period; SASSA assisted with grant and pension applications; the Department of Human Settlements - in conjunction with Overstrand Municipality's housing, finance and town planning departments - provided information on housing opportunities; the Department of Agriculture provided general information on farming support; and the Department of Social Development offered consultation on the support services available to families, including childcare and child protection services.

The IEC also made use of the opportunity to help voters to register and to verify their registration details, while the National Youth Development Fund offered career guidance. The Road Accident Fund was there to create awareness of their services and to assist those who wanted to lodge claims, while the CCMA used the opportunity to distribute pamphlets and brochures on possible interventions.



Housing officials were there to assist members of the public.



Zwelihle residents seeking government assistance made the most of the recent "Emergency Thusong Outreach".

## LATEST ON ZWELIHLE HOUSING

During a recent Council meeting, Executive Mayor Ald Dudley Coetzee gave feedback on a meeting of the Zwelihle Housing Task Team held on 20 September 2018 in the banqueting hall in Hermanus.

"Representatives of Zwelihle Renewal unfortunately decided not to take part in this meeting," he reported. "Nevertheless, at this meeting, feedback was provided to the attendees regarding progress made with the identification of land parcels to address the housing backlog in Zwelihle and resolutions for backyard dwellers. The chairperson also reported that an offer has been made to acquire the Schulphoek land and that the land owner's response is now awaited.

"Overstrand's Director: Infrastructure and Planning, Stephen Müller, gave a summary of all projects currently underway in Zwelihle and made special reference to the UISP, Mandela Square, Transit Camp, Asazani, Swartdam Road and TRA.

"The Director: Community Services, Roderick Williams, spoke about the relief emergency housing project which the municipality is currently undertaking in Hermanus, Gansbaai, Stanford and Kleinmond. He also explained that the purpose of the relief housing sites is to assist backyard dwellers who are denied access to basic services by their current landlords as well as those who cannot afford to pay rent. The municipality is currently busy with the installation of sewer and water infrastructure on the identified sites.

"The Manager: Housing Administration, Frankie Frans, explained the verification process which Overstrand municipality followed to determine who should be afforded the opportunity to be placed on the identified relief emergency housing sites.

"The municipality has also contracted a mediator to facilitate meetings between various groups of people in the Overstrand with the aim to reach a peaceful resolution to the challenges facing our community. The mediation will start in Zwelihle and then expand to the greater Hermanus area and the Overstrand as a whole.

"We will continue working towards the improvement of living conditions and improving the lives of the most vulnerable and the disadvantaged in our communities," Mayor Coetzee concluded.

• The Housing Task Team is comprised of representatives from the National and Provincial Department of Human Settlements, municipal officials, councillors and representatives of Zwelihle Renewal.

## THOUSANDS THOROUGHLY ENJOYED WHALE FESTIVAL

Around eighty thousand people flocked to the Overstrand to attend the Whale Festival hosted in Hermanus from 28-30 September 2018.



*Municipal Manager Coenie Groenewald (left) and Mayor Dudley Coetzee (far right) pictured with the members of the Whale Festival Committee: William Ntebe, Jeanette du Toit, Leon and Amelia Theron, Mosli Koloko, Geraldine Erasmus and Andrea Naudé.*

The weather, and the whales, played along nicely and festival-goers were once again treated to a full programme with something for everyone to enjoy.

Festivalgoers were treated to the splendor of quality crafters, sumptuous food and fine wines, whilst being entertained by live broadcasts by Good Hope FM's iconic presenter as well as a host of local talent like the likes of Charel Kleinhans, Yung Major, Wesley Clark, Amber Kruger, the Winterland Band and the Stinging Rogers Duo who took to the music stage at Gearing's Point.

The interactive Eco Marine Village - also housing a booth manned by the Dyer Island Conservation Trust - proved particularly popular where many a visitor chose to show their commitment to the fight against marine pollution by having their "jellyfish selfies" taken and posting these on Instagram.

As before, the much-anticipated street parade took place on day two, Saturday 29 September. Businesses, classic cars, organisations, sporting clubs and community members joined the procession which kicked off from Swallow Park at 10:00 and meandered along the coast past Gearing's Point and Market Square before eventually ending at the Marine Hotel.

On officially opening the festival, Executive Mayor Dudley Coetzee said: "It's a distinct pleasure for Hermanus, the hub of the Overstrand, to play host to the highly acclaimed Whale Festival for the twenty-seventh consecutive year." He also congratulated the organisers, the sponsors and local businesses on a job well done, and extended a special word of thanks to the local communities who recently went through some trying times.

*"Your enthusiasm and good spirit are much appreciated," he said.*

## Estuaries NOT to be breached artificially

**- Transgressors can face up to  
10 years' imprisonment and hefty fines**

**OVERSTRAND MUNICIPALITY APPEALS TO ALL RESIDENTS not to take matters into their own hands by digging trenches in an attempt to open the mouths of estuaries artificially.**



**BE WARNED:** Digging a trench to artificially breach an estuary could see you behind bars for 10 years or land you a fine of up to R5 million! [Klein River Estuary, 14 September 2018]

Environmental Services. "Even though this estuary last breached naturally in 2015, no-one can simply decide on a whim to dig a trench. There are way too many factors at play. Besides, residents and the public should rest assured that we, in conjunction with our partners, are constantly monitoring the situation and will not allow any undue hazard to develop."

**Should you witness any attempt to breach estuaries artificially, please call the municipality's emergency number 028 313 8111 immediately.**

## Expect delays with issuance of driving licence cards



Members of the public waiting for their driving licence cards may experience a delay because of industrial action at the Driving Licence Card Account (DLCA) in Pretoria. While the processing of applications for new licence cards and renewals is decentralised, all cards are issued by the DLCA, a trading entity of the National Department of Transport. This delay will, therefore, affect applicants all over South Africa.

Drivers who apply for a driving licence card renewal on or before the expiry date pay R140 for the new card. They may continue to drive for a maximum of three months, provided they are in possession of their application receipt and their old card. Drivers who apply after their licences have expired pay R140 for the new card and must also apply for a temporary licence at an additional cost of R45. Temporary driving licences are valid for six months. The Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works (DTPW) encourages members of the public to apply for their replacement cards well in advance to mitigate the risk of having to obtain a temporary driving licence.

It bears repeating that application receipts and old licence cards may only be used for three months from the application date. Should drivers not yet have received their new licence cards at that point, they will have to obtain a temporary licence. This is unfortunately outside the control of the DTPW.

The DTPW is acutely aware of the frustration this may cause. Despite the fact that this delay is not the fault of the DTPW or any of the local driving licence testing centres, the department will keep the public informed of any further developments. This dispute can only be resolved at national level, and the delay will persist until such time as the dispute has been resolved.

## RENOWNED CLARINETTIST IN CONCERT



On Sunday 25 November, OVERSTRAND ARTS/ KUNSTE (OAK) will host the young clarinetist, **Férol-Jon Davids**. Having won the Unisa Shadow-jury Prize and Michael Masote Prize for Most Promising Candidate at the National Youth Music Competition in 2015, Davids went on to be



appointed principal clarinetist of the Wind Symphony Ensemble and the UGA Philharmonia shortly after enrolling with the University of Georgia in 2018. Férol-Jon will be accompanied on the piano by accomplished pianist **Elna van der Merwe**. Their programme will include *Fantasiestücke* Op. 73 by Robert Schumann; *Canto Notturmo* by Hendrik Hofmeyr; Sonata No. 2, Op. 120, by Johannes Brahms; *Andante et Allegro* by Ernest Chausson; *Première Rhapsodie* by Claude Debussy and the Sonata for Clarinet and Piano by Joseph Horowitz.

**Tickets cost R150 (R60 for students) and can be booked with the Tourism Office at 028 312 2629. Contact René du Plooy on 082 940 4238 for enquiries.**