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## Telephone

Hermanus	028 313 8000
Gansbaai	028 384 8300
Kleinmond	028 271 8400
Stanford	028 341 8500

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

## Bulletin

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Official newsletter of the Overstrand Municipality

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## WHALE COAST MADE A SPLASH AT AFRICA'S TRAVEL INDABA



Wilfred Chivell representing Marine Dynamics and Christine Wessels of the Dyer Island Conservation Trust pictured in the company of Overstrand's "iconic ambassador"

The world's only Whale Crier recently traded the Cape Whale Coast for Durban to share the wonders of Overstrand's marine life with representatives from twenty-six countries who attended Africa's Travel Indaba, the continent's leading tourism trade show.

In particular, this iconic ambassador made use of this opportunity to educate one and all – including South Africa's Minister of Tourism, Patricia de Lille, no less – about the diverse whale species that grace Overstrand's shores. Social media was abuzz with photos and videos of the Whale Crier with his signature kelp horn held high, an all too familiar call to action for whale watchers back home in Hermanus.

This annual event presents a golden opportunity to network with travel professionals from far and wide. Overstrand's stand was a hive of activity with everyone eager to learn more about this extraordinary destination, particularly showing a keen interest in staging sporting events in the Overstrand.

"This year's Indaba marked a first since Overstrand Tourism collaborated with owners of local tourism products to form a strategic partnership that allowed attendees to experience our diverse offerings firsthand, showcasing the breadth and depth of experiences available to travellers in the Overstrand," Executive Mayor, Dr Annelie Rabie, said. "I believe the stage is now set for an even better presence at next year's Indaba," she added.

## HANGKLIP-KLEINMOND RESIDENTS

### HAVE A SAY IN THE HEALTHCARE OFFERED TO YOUR COMMUNITY



Rooiels, Pringle Bay, Betty's Bay, Kleinmond, Hangklip and Heuningkloof residents are invited to help strengthen the Kleinmond Clinic Committee.

By serving on this committee, you will be in a position to voice your community's healthcare needs, concerns and complaints.

Collect an application form from Sister Elvira Gelderblom at the Kleinmond Clinic between 07:30 and 16:00 on any weekday and be sure to return your application to her by no later than 14 June 2024.

## SMALL-SCALE EMBEDDED GENERATION

Online  
application  
& registration  
now enabled



In future, Overstrand customers and contractors can submit all small-scale embedded generation (SSEG) applications and registrations via a dedicated SSEG portal.

Irrespective of whether SSEG installations are intended for personal use as a back-up system only or intended to feed back into the grid, the portal allows all applicants to create a personal profile where they can view active and completed applications and receive regular updates on active applications' progress through the various stages of evaluation via the SSEG app.

The same app can be used to register approved SSEG installations.

To access the portal, visit [apply.sseg.org.za](http://apply.sseg.org.za), register as an applicant and follow the easy steps to capture your application and upload the relevant documents as required.

Alternatively, visit Overstrand's official website [www.overstrand.gov.za](http://www.overstrand.gov.za), scroll down to Municipal Services and click on the "Electricity and SSEG" tab.

## A MESSAGE TO THE DISABLED, BED-RIDDEN AND FRAIL:



### Arrange a home visit to facilitate your application for indigent support

Elderly or physically disabled residents with limited financial resources who meet certain criteria can apply for relief with regards to municipal rates and taxes, including free basic services and a limited number of free electricity units.

Since some of those who qualify for this type of relief are bed-ridden or simply too frail to make their way to the nearest municipal office to submit their applications, Overstrand Municipality's officers declared themselves more than willing to pay home visits to those truly in need of a means to facilitate their applications. To date, around 88% of the home-visit requests attended to had a positive outcome and, according to Cllr. Stephen Williams (MAYCO Member for Finance), all indications are that, potentially, this initiative can make it much easier for the physically disabled and elderly to benefit from the indigent support offered by Overstrand Municipality.

Nevertheless, Williams cautioned that "as much as anyone can apply for indigent support, we appeal to the general public to appreciate that home visits is a privilege reserved for the frail as well as those with severe physical disabilities. Let's not abuse the system."

**To request a home visit, call your nearest finance department:**

Hermanus Administration:	028 313 8000 / 8912 / 8027 / 8933 / 5060 / 8042
Gansbaai Administration:	028 384 8300
Stanford Administration:	028 341 8500
Kleinmond Administration:	028 271 8400

# Construction of pavilion at Hawston sport fields underway



On 22 April 2024, Mayor Rabie officially performed the sod turning for the new pavilion at the multi-purpose sports facility in Hawston. Also joining in the celebrations were Andrew Goodhead (Bergstan Consulting and Development Engineers); Dennis Hendriks (Senior Manager: Engineering Services); Rhino Flowers and Ian McDonald (Ikapa Reticulation and Flow); Trevino Julius (Programme Manager: Engineering Services); Ayanda Stali (Manager: Sports and Recreation); Cllr Ronald Nutt (MAYCO Member for Community Service); Cllr Stephen Williams (MAYCO Member for Finance); Cllr Clinton Lerm (MAYCO Member for Investment, Infrastructure and Tourism); Cllr Arnie Africa (Ward 8 Councillor and MAYCO Member for Management Services); Collin Ford (sub-consultant); Speaker Grant Cohen; Cllr Elnora Gillion (MAYCO Member for Economic Development); Ashley Swartz (Chairman: Hawston Sport and Recreation Committee) and Buli Platjies-Mbane (Manager: Hermanus Administration).

Towards the end of April, the multi-purpose sports facility in Hawston passed yet another significant milestone when the construction of a ± R34 million pavilion officially kicked off.

Destined for completion in 2027, the new pavilion will provide a high-quality viewing experience for spectators with a grandstand that offers concrete seating for around one thousand people facing towards the rugby field and additional seating facing towards the athletics track. The pavilion will be covered with a structural steel roof on both sides and will also feature change rooms, ablution facilities, storerooms, a kiosk, offices and meeting rooms.

The construction will be split into four phases with just over R12 million (excluding VAT) going towards phase 1 comprising the partial construction of the grandstand to seat roughly 500 people. The structural component of the pavilion will consist of reinforced concrete foundations, columns and beams. Initial civil engineering works involve site clearance and bulk earthworks as well as the installation of the water supply, conservancy tanks and storm-water drainage. Thereafter the construction of the concrete seating, access staircase and ablution facilities will commence.

The netball and tennis courts, cricket oval, soccer field, grassed athletic track and rugby fields with spotlights are already in use, while the feasibility of boreholes as a means to irrigate the sports fields are currently being investigated.

Speaking at the sod-turning ceremony, Overstrand Executive Mayor, Dr Annelie Rabie, said she is excited to see Hawston rapidly turning into a new hub in the Greater Hermanus area: "Apart from this project, a new school opened its doors in Fisherhaven at the beginning of this year, approval has been granted for a private housing development consisting of 1 600 properties across the road, and the municipality's efforts to promote the development of sea farms in this area with the intention to create job opportunities are bound to pay off soon."

The Mayor also expressed her gratitude for the ± R9 million contribution towards phase 1 made possible via the Western Cape Municipal Infrastructure Grant as well as for the hard work of the previous and present Ward 8 councillors, Arnie Africa and Elnora Gillion, the Hawston Sport and Recreation Committee and the respective municipal departments involved in the project.

"This is a massive investment in improving the quality of life of the people of Hawston and, on completion, this will be one of the leading sporting facilities in the Overberg District," she said, urging the community to take ownership since ownership fosters a sense of pride and responsibility.

## THUMBING YOUR NOSE AT THE LAW?

Judged by the staggering number of summonses municipal law enforcement officers serve on a monthly basis, Overstrand residents seemingly have a total disregard for traffic laws and municipal by-laws.

In response to this dire state of affairs, Deputy Mayor Lindile Ntsabo who chairs the protection services portfolio urge residents to obey the rules of the road and to take heed of the regulations stipulated in municipal by-laws.

"It is in everyone's best interest to foster a culture where we all abide by the rules since failure to do so will compromise the safety and security of everyone who resides here," he said.

As a cautionary note, he also stated unequivocally that the municipality is committed to upholding all rules and regulations without fail and that it will not hesitate to impose hefty fines or to sentence repeat offenders to jail time if need be.

## DISPUTING A SUMMONS

- To dispute a summons issued in terms of a **traffic offence**, obtain the requisite forms from the municipal traffic office/municipal cashier in question or send an e-mail to [fines@overstrand.gov.za](mailto:fines@overstrand.gov.za).
- To dispute a summons issued in terms of a **non-traffic violation**, send an e-mail to [court@overstrand.gov.za](mailto:court@overstrand.gov.za).
- ❖ Note that whenever a summons is disputed, such representation must be accompanied by all relevant documentation and detailed personal information must be furnished.

## NEED TO SETTLE A FINE

All fines can be settled either over-the-counter or via electronic fund transfers.

To **settle the payment over the counter**, pay a visit to the cashier at Overstrand's Traffic Department in Hermanus, the municipal office nearest to you or the Additional Court for Municipal Matters in Hermanus.

- ❖ Note that when settling a fine over the counter, the actual fine and all relevant documentation must be presented.

To **settle the payment via EFT**, take heed of the arrangements as per the transgression in question.

## WE'LL SEE YOU IN COURT

### SETTLING TRAFFIC FINES VIA EFT

#### Banking details:

#### NEDBANK:

Branch Code:

Inland Garden Route

Current account:

198765

SWIFT code:

1190137186

Account holder:

NEDSZAJJ

Reference:

Overstrand Municipality Traffic Fines

Proof of payment:

Fine number in full but without the "/"

Enquiries:

Send to [fines@overstrand.gov.za](mailto:fines@overstrand.gov.za)

028 313 8167 / 8174



### SETTLING NON-TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS VIA EFT

#### Banking details:

#### NEDBANK:

Branch Code:

Inland Garden Route

Current account:

198765

SWIFT code:

1190136678

Account holder:

NEDSZAJJ

Reference:

Overstrand Municipality

Proof of payment:

Fine number

Enquiries:

Send to [court@overstrand.gov.za](mailto:court@overstrand.gov.za)

028 313 8924/8936/8041/5028



## 2024 Results

### City Nature Challenge

2,436,844 Observations

65,682+ Species  
Including 3,940+ rare/endangered/threatened species

83,528 Participants

A huge "thank you" to Overstrand's Bioblitzers!