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## DISABILITY CHALLENGE:

### Three colleagues relate their experiences of being “disabled” for a day

Overstrand employee, **Angelo Ford**, is an ambassador for the Overstrand Association for People with Disabilities, an organisation that does great work for people who live with a disability. To create awareness of what people living with a disability have to cope with, he recently challenged a couple of our colleagues to ‘pretend’ to be disabled for a day and to report back on their experiences. Here is what they found:

#### BEING WHEELCHAIR-BOUND IS NO FUN AT ALL, RIANA STEENEKAMP FOUND

Accepting a challenge to spend eight hours in a borrowed wheelchair initially kicked off rather well given that taking the lift to her office on the first floor went off smoothly and, parked behind her desk, the chair didn't seem to be all that cumbersome or uncomfortable. But two hours later, Riana was fast beginning to realise that this is not going to be such an easy ride after all.

Getting around the office to simply fetch paper for the printer or making a photocopy took much longer and resulted in many an upturned dustbin and several unsuspecting toes being run-over, and going to the wheelchair-friendly toilet turned out to be an impossible mission. “On top of that, my butt was getting sore, and by noon, all I wanted to do was to get up and stretch my legs,” Riana said.

However, she stayed put and bravely took to town during her lunch break accompanied by Nurse Heleen Mouton to see what that would be like. “Being so dependent on somebody else, is really not a nice experience,” Riana found, “and I now know why parking bays for the disabled are so much wider: Getting the chair in and out of the car turned out to be a real battle.”

Riana also found that the sidewalks in town are bumpy with many an obstacle that had to be negotiated, while some of the ramps that are supposed to make facilities wheelchair-accessible are way too steep to negotiate on one's own.

“I also found it strange having to look up at people around you while talking to them. Normally, when you stand, you are on the same level as the other person. This made me feel that I was not in control of the situation,” Riana said.

“Nevertheless, it was a good challenge, and I now agree with Angelo: Simple things can become really difficult and complex tasks very quickly,” Riana concluded.

#### DISASOF 'N MENS WAT NIE KAN SIEN NIE, ONSIGBAAR WORD VIR ANDER, WAS ELMARIE HOONEBERG SE GEVOLGTREKKING

Elmarie se uitdaging was om vir 'n dag “blind” te wees. Binne die gebou kon sy met selfvertroue rondbeweeg omdat sy dit goed ken, al kon sy nie die kraan se knoppe in die badkamer kry nie, maar buite was dit 'n ander storie.

“Toe ek buite beweeg het, was ek verskriklik onseker,” vertel Elmarie, “maar ek het ook opgemerk dat ek meer bewus is van geluide, soos 'n motor wat in aantog is of selfs iemand wat agter my loop, en my reuksintuig was heelwat skerper: Skielik was ek bewus van die uitlaatgasse van motors en die reuk van my omgewing.”

Elmarie het ook tot die besef gekom dat 'n blinde persoon op ander moet kan vertrou: “Toe ek 'n vergadering by regsdiens moes bywoon, het Elsabe my daarheen gestap en, glo my, ek het verdoel gevoel.” Tydens die vergadering het sy gevind dat sy baie minder gepraat en meer geluister het. “Ek het besef dit help om mense te sien en hulle lyftaal te kan dophou,” sê Elmarie, en voeg skertsend by “en dat ek aan my luistertegniek kan werk”.

Nog iets wat Elmarie opgemerk het, is dat mense Elsabe sou vra wat met haar skort eerder as om haar self te vra. “Ek het nogal gewonder of ek onsigbaar geword het omdat my oë nie kan sien nie. Voortaan sal ek meer bedag wees en seker maak ek gesels met die blinde persoon direk,” belooft Elmarie.

“Dit was omtrent 'n ondervinding om ‘blind’ te wees vir 'n dag,” erken Elmarie. “Mens besef nie watter voorreg dit is om te kan sien en hoe kosbaar daardie voorreg is nie: In die leefwêreld van die blinde gebeur dinge nie net sommer outomaties nie. Ek het groot waardering vir blindes se waagmoed en die manier waarop hulle in die donker sonder kleur leef.”



#### GOING ABOUT DOING ORDINARY EVERYDAY OFFICE TASKS WITH ONLY ONE ARM CAN BE REALLY CHALLENGING, SHANTAL MAREE FOUND



Shantal's disability challenge was to get through a “normal” workday with her right arm in a sling. “It was a humbling experience because an easy task, like filling my water bottle from a water machine, was very difficult. I had to use my knee to balance the bottle and had to wipe up the spilled water

afterwards with one hand,” Shantal said.

Typing took excruciatingly long, and having to balance a phone between one's shoulder and ear while typing on the computer can become very frustrating. Shantal also didn't like having to ask people to help her carry stuff around.

“I always felt very sad to see people with a disability, but now I see them as determined persons who strive to still be the best they can, disability and all,” Shantal concluded.

## MUNICIPALITY BANKS WITH A NEW PARTNER

As from 1 July 2019 the Municipality will be partnering with NEDBANK for banking services and the new account numbers will be released in due course. Clients (including employees) paying via the debit order system need not make any changes as the necessary details will be updated by the municipality.

Those clients who pay accounts via EASYPAY, PAY@ or SAPO need only to present their latest municipal account at the pay point. (The new banking information will be pre-printed on the account.)

Clients/employees who are paying municipal accounts or traffic fines via the internet or want to renew their motor vehicle licence online, will have to update their beneficiary details in this regard.



# COLLEAGUES CAPACITATED THROUGH BLUE FLAG BEACH WORKSHOP

Overstrand boasts three internationally-recognised Blue Flag Beaches in Kleinmond, Hawston and Grotto Beach. Castle Beach in Pearly Beach has also been granted a pilot status for the Blue Flag for the second year which, if it succeeds, may see Overstrand having four fully fledged Blue Flag beaches later this year.

To improve municipal understanding and benefits of the Blue Flag beach programme, the Community Services Directorate attended a capacity building workshop to get a better understanding of the Blue Flag Structure and Policy, Blue Flag Criteria and Application, Annual inspections: compliances and non-compliances, Blue Flag pilot programmes and Tourism Blue Flag projects.



Seen with Wessa's Blue Flag manager Rob Slater (left) and co-ordinator Lance Anders (3rd left) are colleagues (l-r) Samkelo Tyelinzima, Dencil Arendse, Willie Karelse, Jan Mokgele Mojaki, Lauren Rainbird, Denovan van Rhoadie, De Wet Nel and Jean de Villiers at the Blue Flag workshop.

## PIECE OFFICER TRAINING COURSE



A group of 43 municipal officials received certificates for attending a 5-day peace officer training course earlier in the year. Pictured with the successful candidates who completed the peace officer training course at their certification ceremony at the Thusong Centre were Zingani Tshetu (OM Regional Inspector), Neville Michaels (OM Director: Protection Services), Lester Smith (OM Fire Chief), Xenophon Titus (OM Senior Sup: Traffic), Anthony Blankenberg (OM Senior Sup: Task Team) and Dawie Esau (OM Regional Inspector: Security).



The Municipality played host to the Overberg Occupational Health and Safety conference in Hermanus recently. A total of 70 delegates from as far as Saldanha, Malmesbury and Swellendam attended the exhibition and workshop. Seen here with one of the exhibitors is our Occupational Nursing Practitioner, Sr. Heleen. Mouton.



Radsheer Nicolette Johnson (Botha-Guthrie) het in Maart-maand die as raadslid uitgetree. Sy was een van die mees ervare raadslede wat haar loopbaan 20 jaar gelede, met die instelling van die tussentydse raad in Hermanus, begin het. Sy het die raad in verskeie hoedanighede gedien, onder meer as burgemeester. She said her councillorship was an enriching experience. Seen with her is Antoinette Geldenhuys (Manager: Rates & Data Control) and Lionel Wallace (Senior Manager: Legal Services) at her farewell.



Noudat sy uittree, is dit een van die lewenslesse wat Elize met haar Overstrand-familie wil deel

**“Onthou, sonder ander se ondersteuning gaan jy niks vermag nie”**

**N**a 27-en-n-half-jaar se diens gaan Elize van Zyl (Verrij) uittree. Sy het as persoonlike assistent vir drie burgemeesters van die Overstrand (Willie Smuts, Theo Beyleveldt en Nicolette Botha-Guthrie) gedien en was tot en met haar uittrede Desireé Arrison, direkteur: bestuursdienste, se regterhand.

Phambili se redaksie het in 'n onderhoud met hierdie fenomenale vrou haar 'n bietjie uitgevra oor hoe sy haar jarelange verbintenis met die munisipaliteit beleef het, en of daar enige lewenslesse is wat sy graag met haar kollegas sou wou deel.

“Mens hoef nie dieselfde bloedlyn te deel om as ‘familie’ gereken te word nie,” het Elize gesê. “Juis daarom moet jy altyd daar wees om jou medemens ten tyde van nood emosioneel en fisies by te staan.”

“Nog 'n belangrike les wat ek aan die hand van die ‘Groot Generaal’ [soos oudburgemeester Beyleveldt destyds bekend-gestaan het] geleer het, is dat as jy 'n fout begaan het, moenie dit probeer wegsteek nie. Dit help nie, want jy gaan uitgevang word.”

Elize het ook haar herinneringe aan 'n paar skreeusnaakse oomblikke gedeel, soos die dag toe 'n eekhorning ten tyde van 'n raadsvergadering uit iemand se hemsak gekruip en tot bo-op die burgemeester se bors gesprong het.

“As ek samevattend my lewenslesse moet opsom, is dit dat mens dankbaar moet wees vir die klein dingetjies en elke dag voluit moet leef. Staar sterk, ongeag wat die lewe ook al op jou pad mag bring, en, onthou, wees nederig - want sonder ander se ondersteuning, gaan jy nêrens kom nie.”



### WE CARE • WE SERVE • WE BELONG

Zelda Deetlefs thanked firefighters Elroy Geldenhuys (left), Masixole Langatye, Bradley Grootboom, Francois Marais, Gino Gillion and Nashua Booysen for saving her cat from a tree.

**L**aw Enforcement officer, Robyn Samuels, Land and other ladies in uniform were photographed on Saturday, 25 May, participating in a global event called the 24 Hour Project. This 24 Hour Project (those participating enter one photo every hour for 24 hours) connects emerging photographers, aspiring photojournalists and visual storytellers from every city of the world to document humanity and make a difference by raising awareness about global issues and empowering NGOs. The 2019 event's focus was on women around the world. (There were over 3 000 people from 93 countries participating.)

## 24 Hour Project





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## CHARMAINE KOTZÉ: RIP OLD FRIEND

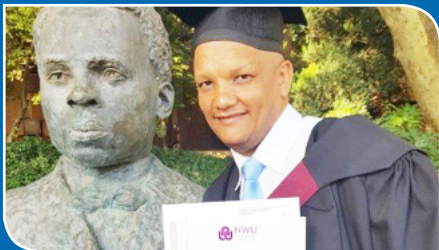
Cllr Grant Cohen writes: "Charmaine served as our Area Managers Secretary for ages and when I became a councillor in 2016, I was blessed that she took me under her wing as well. I'm not the best person when it comes to Admin etc but Charmaine always made sure that the meetings were scheduled and attended, phone calls were made etc etc etc. She became like my mom at the office, always with a sweet or chocolate to share. I got to know Charmaine and her husband on a more personal level when I became part of the Rolbal (Bowls) team for the Municipality in the business league tournament in 2017. We had laughs, we had moans, we had more laughs but most importantly so many amazing memories were made! I went to visit Charmaine at the hospital last week and I will always remember her for being an amazing lady who gave so much without expecting or wanting anything in return! I was truly blessed to have the chance to work with her!" RIP Charmaine, you will always be missed, but thought of often!!



Friends and colleagues at the Kleinmond Administration have lit candles in memory of Charmaine Kotzé who passed away at the end of May after her battle with cancer. She is seen on the picture (left) with colleagues.



Overstrand Municipality's Senior Administrative Officer Natasha Dyanti, graduated in Community Development Planning from the University of Stellenbosch. This accredited NQF level 8 course is aimed at establishing participatory democracy to enhance public participation in municipalities. It also seeks to ensure that public participation is firmly entrenched and institutionalised within municipalities. Pictured with her are Stellenbosch University's Prof Francois Theron (left) and Western Cape Government's Directorate Community Development and Public Participation Siphon Phendu (right).



Dennis Hendricks (senior bestuurder: ingenieursdienste) en twee direkteure, Desireé Arrison and Neville Michaels, het hul 'Postgraduate Diploma in Public Management' aan die Noordwes Universiteit verwerf.



Marion Baardman, inkomstekontroleerder op Hermanus het haar B.Com- graad voltooi in 'Industrial and Organisational Psychology'. Sy het haar laaste 5 vakke almal met onderskeiding geslaag. Sy sê om te studeer met werk, huis, kinders en nog ook in vrouebediening waarmee sy betrokke is, het baie gekos. "Maar deurdruk en aanhou en uithou was my motivering. Ek glo nie in opgee nie en ek glo dat harde werk vrugte afwerp. Ek moes leer om my tyd beter te benut." Marion glo ook dat elke hom/haarself moet bevoeg en beter bekwaam - "want opvoeding en kwalifikasies is jou oop deur vir jou toekoms en niemand kan dit wegneem as jy dit het nie."

Jeandre Viviers en vrouelief, Elzaan, het die knoop deurgehak. Hulle is op 23 Maart by Fernkloof Natuurreservaat in die huwelik bevestig.



Baie geluk aan Tayden Hoffman, seun van brandweerman Tyrol Mackensie, wat sy WP-kleure vir skaak verwerf het tydens die Wes-Kaap Individuele Skaakkampioenskappe in Mosselbaai gedurende Meimaand. Tayden is vroëer vanjaar aangewys as Laerskool Kleinmond se beste skaakspeler vir beginners. Hy het ook aan die SA Skaakbyeenkoms in Johannesburg deelgeneem; en het goue medaljes verower in beide die Overberg Skaakfederasie-toernooi en die Overberg Skole skaak: geslote kampioenskappe vir seuns o.10.

### IFFD - 2ND PLACE IN THE TEAM CHALLENGE MEANS BIG SMILES!

The Overstrand Firefighting team is well known for their outstanding performances during the annual International Firefighters' Day Celebrations. Team members Justin Brussel, Cecil Abrahamse, Shaun Mackey and Earl Galant represented the municipality at the event and took 2nd place. Vanjaar het hulle naelskraap teen die gedugte span van Tuinroete Distriksmunisipaliteit verloor. We would like to congratulate them for their excellence and perseverance.



Johan van Taak tree ná 38 jaar by die Munisipaliteit af. 'Mnr. Vullis' is gelooft vir sy leidende rol wat hy gespeel het op die gebied van herwinning en die bestuur van vaste afval. Hy het vaste afvalbestuur gevestig en Overstrand Munisipaliteit as nasionale leier gevestig. Under his leadership, Overstrand won the Greenest Town Competition Waste Management category seven times in the last nine years. We wish him and his wife, Irene, health and happy days in their retirement. Hier staan hy saam met kollegas Elmarie Hooneberg, Theo Steenberg, Petronella Ferreira, Marzaan Middleton en Tanya Smit.

### FEBRUARY, A MONTH OF LOVE VALENTINE'S DAY



GANSBAAI Spread love wherever they go - Laverne Fisher, Hantie Vermeulen, Annelie Lourens, Tanya Smit, Agnes Maphasa, Dinah Harper, Zelna Botma, Annemien van der Merwe, Elicia du Toit, Vanessa Ventura, Joana Swanepoel, Jurita Booker, Daniel Goosen, Sanet Otto, Judith Coetzee en Marzanne Middleton (fotograaf) was Valentynsdag vroeg uit die vere om voor werk 'n heerlike ontbyt by Hot Coffee in Gansbaai te eet.



HERMANUS se inkomste-departement met Valentynsdag



STANFORD - Maureen Dickson en Portia Pausse werk by inkomste



LOVE IS LIFE at PREEKSTOEL - Briand Louw, Tohlen Oppelt, Abigail Jacobs, Dédre Pedro, Miliswa Mantyi, Adenel Bayley, Mike Bartman, Goosen le Roux, Vuyo Maliwa, Johan van Taak, Ricardo Andrews and Hanré Blignaut. Lauren Rainbird was the photographer.



KLOP-KLOP MAAK ONS HARTE - Hierdie groep het op 13 en 14 Februarie 'n konflikbestuur-werkswinkel bygewoon. Baie dankie vir die geleentheid, dit het waarde toegevoeg.





**Angelo Ford** from the finance department in Hermanus, completed his third race in the Cape Town Cycle Tour earlier in March. He said that, despite the wind, "I really enjoyed the race. It was a tough day, but the vibe was great - I'll definitely be back next year." Seen on the picture with Angelo, is fellow Hawstonian and friend Godfrey Gillion (right) who's wife, Joy, is working in the traffic department.



**TOPS** Kleinmond Admin's Jukskei team won the annual Jukskei Day tournament for the 2nd year running. On the left is coach Birgit Schmidt, Cllr Grant Cohen, Rowena Karelse, Carla Swarts and Merle Solomons.



**NEW STAFF MEMBERS SEEN AT THE JUNE INDUCTION PROGRAMME:** Back (l-r): Enrico Solomons (Fire Department), Magdaleen Swart (Town Planning), Jaco Langeveld (Electrical Department), Christopher Samboer (ICT Support), Louis Coetzee (Building Control). In front is Tamzyn Zweig (Environmental Department Kleinmond), Siphosethu Mto (Library Assistant Stanford), Rovaida Skaduwee (Property Admin Onrus) and Pamela Mqitsana (Personal Assistant: Dir: Management Services)

## DEDICATED STAFF RECOGNISED FOR LONG-TERM SERVICE

Overstrand Municipality awarded a number of its staff who has more than 10 years' service at the municipality. Executive Mayor Dudley Coetzee said "it is an honour to recognise employees who have been with us for such long time."



**HERMANUS ADMINISTRATION** Elizabeth-Anne Lowings (2nd left), Principal Clerk: Infrastructure and Planning Department was honoured for 25 years' service to the Municipality. With her are colleagues Zusara Lourens (3rd right) and Wendall Poole (far right) with 10 years' of service under the belt as well as Municipal Manager Coenie Groenewald, Deputy Mayor Elnora Gillion and Mayor Dudley Coetzee.



Japie Hartog van die Kleinmond Administrasie, het 'n sertifikaat gekry vir 20 jaar se diens. Hy werk in die operasionele-afdeling. Saam met hom is munisipale bestuurder Coenie Groenewald, onderburgemeester Elnora Gillion en burgemeester Dudley Coetzee.



Agnes Maphasa, office attendant at the Gansbaai Administration, was honoured for 20 years' service to the Municipality. With her is Municipal Manager Coenie Groenewald, Deputy Mayor Elnora Gillion and Mayor Dudley Coetzee.



Pictured at the March 2019 council meeting: Georgia Bucchianeri (Hermanus - 15 yrs), Lorraine Botma (Hermanus - 10 yrs) and Mgoduseni Nkunkumana (Hermanus - 30 yrs). Middle: Danwill Cronjé (Kleinmond - 20 yrs), CD Klaas (Gansbaai - 25 yrs) and Mcingeleni Gogwana (Hermanus - 25 yrs). Front: Sollie Ahrends (Gansbaai - 25 yrs) and Franklin Sherriff (Gansbaai - 25 yrs).



Pictured at the February 2019 council meeting were Karin van der Merwe (Hermanus - 15 years), M Cetywayo (Hermanus - 30 years), Ynanda Lemmer (Hermanus - 10 years), Lesbury Smith (Hermanus - 20 years), Clint le Roux (Hermanus - 10 years), Patrick Africa (Hermanus - 20 years), Elton Lindoor (Gansbaai - 10 years), Themba Mtshakazana (Gansbaai - 10 jaar, Luyanda Sikephe (Gansbaai - 10 jaar), Danvor Valentine (Gansbaai - 15 jaar), Patrick Lali (Gansbaai - 25 years), Heinrich Valentine (Gansbaai - 10 years), Municipal Manager Coenie Groenewald, Mcingelelni Mgoduseni, Jafta Solwandle (Hermanus - 25 Years), Cllr Andrew Komani, Dries Bosman (Kleinmond - 30 years), Mayor Dudley Coetzee and Quinton Bernadus (Gansbaai - 10 years).

## WOMEN'S CRICKET TEAM - COME AND JOIN US!



**D**ané Laing wants to establish a Woman's Cricket team at the Hermanus Cricket Club and wish to invite all ladies interested in playing cricket to join the club.

All girls and women, who are interested, are invited to come along and try a session or two - from complete beginners to experienced cricket players.

No equipment is necessary as we can provide everything you need.

Practice sessions take place at the Hermanus Cricket Club every Monday and Wednesday from 17.30 for an hour or so.

Phone Dané on 079 396 7239 for information on how things work.



**M**ount Pleasant se bibliotekaresse, Miralda Coert, het onlangs 'n geselligheid gereël vir die ouer inwoners van Mt Pleasant sodat hulle hul herinneringe van die dorp kan deel en begin aanteken. Hulle wil ook ou foto's begin versamel en dit in 'n boek laat bind wat in die liotek gehou sal word.

Die ou inwoners het die oggend terdeë geniet en by te lekker gelag dat die trane loop oor staaltjies wat hulle as jong seuns en meisies aangevang het. Ernstiger oomblikke het ook opgeduik - soos die busramp van 11 Junie 1972 wat die lewe van 59 mense geëis het. (Die bus was op pad terug na Hermanus nadat Atlantics-rugbyklub teen Rangers van die Paarl meegeding het, toe dit buite Villiersdorp van 'n brug in die Sonderendrivier gestort het. Duikers moes die lyke van die rugbyspelers en talle ondersteuners uit hul watergraf haal.) Miralda self het vier broers en 'n suster in dié tragedie verloor.