



UPGRADED KLEINMOND LIBRARY TO EMBODY A SOCIALLY INCLUSIVE, CREATIVE, ACTIVE AND CONNECTED COMMUNITY

After a R5-million upgrade, Kleinmond now has a state-of-the-art library where the community can converge to learn and grow. In addition to offering free Internet access to its patrons, the library boasts in excess of twenty-five thousand reference items, a vast children's section and an activity room.

The activity room, in particular, caught Executive Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie's attention when

she learnt that chess is to be one of the main activities to be pursued here - the intention being to get as many people (children in particular) to participate in activities that will help them hone their talents and develop their intellectual capabilities.

The hand-crafted chess tables gracing the activity room are the result of a collaborative partnership between the Western Cape Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport and the

National Department of Correctional Services.

Here, two home-schooled learners from Kleinmond, Dirk and Johan Matthee, throw down the gauntlet under the watchful eye of chess instructor Allen Badenhorst (in the green T-shirt). Looking on are Desmond Lakey, Nicolette Botha-Guthrie, Stefan Wehmeyer, Minister Anroux Marais, André Enslin and chief librarian Wilna Hooneberg.

Handy dispensers make dog owners' lives easier

Whale Coast Conservation (WCC) has taken the initiative to design and manufacture a number of doggy-doo bag dispensers for installation in Hermanus along the cliff paths and in some play parks. As dog owners also have a responsibility to help keep Overstrand clean, these handy dispensers mean that they can no longer offer "I forgot the bag" as an excuse for not cleaning up after their dogs.

According to Anina Lee, WCC communications manager, they would like to install more bins along the cliff paths as well as in other Overstrand towns, but need sponsorships to do so. "The bins cost R450 and installation is extra," she said, adding that "all profits will go back into making more bins and promoting environmental awareness".

The first five doggy-doo bag dispensers were sponsored by the Hermanus Ratepayers' Association and anyone willing to offer a sponsorship can call Anina on 028 316 2527 or send and email to anina.wcc@gmail.com.

"CARING" THE COMMON THREAD IN EVERY SQUARE

- Instead of a mere 67, Overstranders knitted 125 blankets for Madiba day

Two years ago, Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie challenged Overstrand's retirees for the first time to also contribute their "67" in honour of former president Mandela.

Wool was provided to the residents of Kidbrooke Place and Onrus Manor with the challenge to deliver 67 knitted blankets by Madiba Day (18 July) every year for distribution amongst Overstrand's needy.

And they did an excellent job: To tell the truth, at the time of going to print, that quota had already been exceeded by 58!

To top it all, the Hooked on Tuesday Club - a group of ladies who would rather take up a crochet hook than knitting needles - donated two breathtakingly beautiful crocheted blankets which will also be raffled for charity purposes.

On receiving the blankets, a visibly moved Botha-Guthrie thanked everyone who participated in this project for "showing so much love and caring".

In reality, the Blankets for Madiba project has no deadline, and the organisers would really appreciate further donations of wool which can be used to keep the willing hands of our elderly busy and to afford them the opportunity of showing that, like Madiba, they believe goodwill is the answer.

Anyone who would like to donate wool for the Blankets for Madiba project or would like to buy a raffle ticket at R30 for the black-and-white blanket or R50 for the colourful blanket is welcome to call

Doret on 028 313 8002 or to send and email to dtaljaard@overstrand.gov.za. The draw will take place at the end of August.





Obtaining a Further Education and Training Certificate in Road Traffic Law Enforcement is no fun and games, as the seven student traffic officers pictured here can attest. For the past 12 months, they rose at four every morning to make their way to the Gene Louw Traffic College in Brackenfell to receive instruction not only in enforcing traffic law, but also in the likes of handling firearms, driving articulated vehicles, administering first aid and fighting fires. To quote Rudi Fraser, Overstrand's Traffic Chief, "the dedication displayed by Owen Jacobs, Slim Maki, Christelle Fransman, Princess Pheluwu, Jay-Cee Marais, Trevino Williams and Fronwin Marais [pictured from left to right] is indicative of their commitment to protecting residents in the Overstrand against any form of crime".

Need to return a book, pay a fine, take out a licence?

DO SO ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SATURDAYS

In the interest of rendering a better service to the public, the Traffic Department [housed on the corner of Short and Mussel Streets, Hermanus] as well as the Hermanus Library will in future be open to the public on every second Saturday.

Do please keep in mind, though, that the information displayed here is subject to change and that we cannot be held liable for any inconvenience caused or failure to comply with legislative requirements.

SATURDAYS OPEN

Overstrand Traffic: 08:30 - 12:00 • Hermanus Library: 08:30 - 11:30

13 and 27 August | 10 September | 1st, 15 and 29 October

DRIVER'S LICENCE PROVES TO BE MANY A YOUNG JOB SEEKER'S PASSPORT TO SUCCESS

In collaboration with the Department of Mineral Resources, AFRIMAT and Overberg Driving School, Overstrand recently launched a project to help 31 young job seekers obtain their driver's licences.

This initiative is part of a drive to address the high unemployment rate amongst the youth in the Overstrand by equipping young people aged 18 - 35 years with a sought-after skill that would improve their chances of success in the job market.

To quote one of the participants, "Having a driver's licence made me stand out amongst other applicants, and I think it was one of the deciding factors in appointing me to the job I currently hold at the Magistrate's Court."

OAK TO HOST PROMISING YOUNG PIANIST AS WELL AS GALA EVENT



To add a little extra lustre to a rather chilly winter, we are pleased to announce that the runner-up in UNISA's 2015 National Piano Competition, Willem de Beer, will grace the Hermanus Auditorium's stage this month.

This concert will commence at 15:30 on Sunday, 21 August, and will see the promising young pianist performing works by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Messiaen and Balakirev.

As is custom, OAK will again host the prestigious Overberg Eisteddfod Gala Concert on Wednesday, 31 August. This event will commence promptly at 19:00 and, given its popularity, patrons are advised to secure their tickets well in advance.

Book at BELLINI on 028 312 4988. All other enquiries can be directed to OAK's secretary, René du Plooy, on 028 312 1895 or 082 940 4238.



Willem de Beer

NEW WARD COMMITTEES TO BE ELECTED

IN ANTICIPATION OF THE OUTCOME OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS which are to take place on 3 August 2016, Overstrand Municipality is gearing up to elect the next generation of ward committees in all 13 wards.

Ward committees are instrumental in ensuring good governance: They speak on behalf of the people whenever Integrated Development Plans and budgets are formulated and must ensure that the citizenry have a say in crucial matters regarding service delivery.

Chaired by the Ward Councillor, a ward committee is comprised of a number of elected members (no more than 10) who represent the interests of organisations/sectors and/or geographically bound residents within that area. Anyone serving on a ward committee must be a registered voter whose name appears on the voters' role and who is entitled to participate in local elections in that area.

Overstrand's Unit for Public Participation anticipates that the election of reconstituted ward committees will commence on 15 August and be finalised by 18 August 2016.

Interested parties are advised to check the local press and to keep an eye on municipal notices for detailed information in this regard.

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Executive Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie (left) seen handing over blankets to the ladies of Zwelihle Youth Café, including one of the owners Fikiswa Gxamesi (second right) and Cllr Siculo Gxamesi (right).

Hardly a drop going to waste in Overstrand

As an extension of its Green-drop and Blue-drop scorecards, the National Department of Water and Sanitation recently published a No-drop report to indicate at a glance how efficiently municipalities are managing water usage and preventing water losses. Most municipalities are losing clean drinking water in the distribution system due to leaking pipes, dripping taps and illegal water usage.

"The full No-drop score of 100% puts Overstrand at the top of the performance list in South Africa," the report reads, adding that "this score indicates that Overstrand Municipality has an excellent knowledge of its status and has the required processes, systems and plans in place to manage water losses and non-revenue water".

The criteria used to compile the report encompass strategy planning and implementation, asset management, technical skills, credibility, compliance and performance, legal regulation, and customer care. Overstrand's score is indicative of its investment in top-notch infrastructure and best practices and means that it has the right people in place to deal with issues of water loss and management.

Stephen Müller, Overstrand's Director of Infrastructure and Planning, congratulated his staff on this achievement and equated the three-drop award system to an SABS quality award: "Our water management is top notch. Bear in mind that for the Blue-drop Award the minimum score required is 95%, and the Greater Hermanus Water Supply system was the top performer out of 122 water systems evaluated in the Western Cape with a score of 96.44%."

