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FIRST SOD TURNED ON NEW STATE OF THE ART HEALTH FACILITY FOR GANSBAAI

Gansbaai Clinic officially celebrated the start of the construction at a sod-turning ceremony with Provincial Minister of Health Dr Nomafrrench Mbombo and Overstrand Executive Mayor Dudley Coetzee and other dignitaries and healthcare professionals. R21 million will be spent on the construction of this state of the art clinic in Gansbaai. Additional services to be added to the facility are an Emergency Treatment Unit, Ambulance Bay, Infectious Disease Unit, medical waste and refuse facilities.

Even the heavy clouds and slight drizzle did little to dampen the spirits of the Provincial Minister of Health Dr Nomafrrench Mbombo and Overstrand Executive Mayor Dudley Coetzee at the sod-turning event, marking the start of construction of the R21 million project that took place at the Gansbaai Clinic on Thursday, 4 April 2019.

Also present was Overberg Deputy Mayor Archie Klaas, Overstrand Mayoral committee members, councillors, healthcare professionals and a host of health officials. Proceedings kicked off with a warm welcome by Sr Dorothea Jacobs. This was followed by an overview of the building plans and an artist's impression of the new clinic to be built next to the existing one.

In her address, Minister Mbombo stated, "The project will certainly improve the current services that are offered to our patients. This will allow more patients to be treated at this facility, and will ensure better patient flow, in a bigger and better facility with a more comprehensive health service package."

The project entails the construction of a new wing linked to the existing Gansbaai Clinic, as well as upgrades to, and refurbishment of the existing facility. The above expansion and upgrade also includes additional site works such as parking, landscaping and rain water harvesting. Services to be added to the facility are an Emergency Treatment Unit, Ambulance Bay, Infectious Disease Unit, medical waste and refuse facilities.



A key element of the design solution was to adopt a phased approach to ensure continued operations of the current facility throughout the construction period, while providing a pleasant environment for patients and staff.

Construction is expected to be completed by March 2020.

OBJECTS IN SEWAGE CAUSE BLOCKAGES

Sewerage blockages can to a large extent be attributed to objects such as stones, pieces of iron, plastic, branches, grease and household garbage that enter the system and form an obstruction. Please keep the manholes and drains clean and continue to report sewerage blockages at the municipal control room 028 313 8000/8111. Alternatively phone Kleinmond 028 271 8400, Hermanus 028 313 8090, Gansbaai 028 384 8300 and Stanford 028 341 8500 to request service.

Overstrand Municipality once again appeals to residents not to dispose materials such as used cooking oil, motor oil, yard and pet waste, paint, concrete slurry and construction materials or any other household hazardous chemicals into the storm water infrastructure.

Preventative measures.

There is no excuse for dumping waste illegally in our neighbourhoods or next to the roads as the Municipality provides a highly reliable refuse collection service and drop-off facilities across Overstrand.

HERMANUS ADMINISTRATION:

- HERMANUS TRANSFER STATION in Mbeki Street (general waste and garden refuse only) Mondays - Fridays 08:00 - 18:00, Saturdays 09:00 - 16:00, Public Holidays 09:00 - 14:00
- VOËLKLIIP Weekend Drop-Off in 7th Street (household waste, black bags only) Mondays to Fridays 08:00 - 18:00, Saturdays 09:00 - 16:00, Public Holidays 09:00 - 14:00
- VOËLKLIIP PRAWN FLATS Drop-Off (garden and general household waste) Mondays to Fridays 08:00 - 18:00, Saturdays 09:00 - 16:00, Public Holidays 09:00 - 14:00
- HAWSTON Drop-Off in Church Street (garden and general house - hold waste) Mondays to Fridays 08:00 - 18:00, Saturdays 09:00 - 16:00, Public Holidays 09:00 - 14:00
- KARWYDESKRAAL Landfill (builders' rubble, garden waste and general household waste) Mondays to Fridays 08:00 - 16:30

KLEINMOND ADMINISTRATION:

- Pringle Bay weekend drop-off for household refuse;
- Betty's Bay weekend drop-off for household refuse;
- Betty's Bay drop-off for general and garden refuse (Mondays to Fridays 08:00 - 16:00, Saturdays 09:00 - 16:00, Public Holidays 09:00 - 14:00)
- Kleinmond Transfer Station for household, general and garden refuse and small quantities of builders' rubble (bakkie builders) 0 to 1 ton. Mondays to Fridays 08:00 - 16:00, Saturdays 09:00 - 16:00, Public Holidays 09:00 - 14:00
- Karwyderskraal Landfill for all your builders' rubble of more than 1 ton.

STANFORD ADMINISTRATION:

- Stanford Transfer Station for general and garden refuse and small quantities of building rubble. More than one ton should be taken to Gansbaai Landfill.

GANSBAAI ADMINISTRATION:

- Gansbaai Landfill for building rubble and general and garden refuse; and
- Pearly Beach drop-off for general & garden refuse and small quantities of building rubble (bakkie builders).

FynArts

HERMANUS

Book now for eleven stimulating days that bring together an eclectic mix of arts, intellectual stimulation, great wine and fine dining in a fusion of arts festival and winter school.

Celebrate the South African arts and artists in an exciting line-up of visual and performing arts that include comedy with Alan Committie; theatre with Pieter-Dirk Uys; dance - ballet from Cape Town City Ballet and Spanish; a wide variety of music - classical, jazz, popular; ceramic and fibre art; a children's programme and much more.

The full programme is on hermanusfynarts.co.za. Tickets can be purchased on-line at webtickets.co.za, at the Tourism Office in the Station Building or by telephone 060 957 5371. Sign up for the FynArts newsletter, Facebook and twitter (@hermanusfynarts).



AARTO - HOW WILL IT AFFECT YOU, THE MOTORIST?

The Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences Act, 1998 (Act 46 of 1998) (AARTO) is a system for managing and adjudicating traffic offences, amongst other things. AARTO is intended to provide a quicker administrative process for dealing with traffic law infringements to take the place of a longer legal process.

AARTO was to be given effect by a demerit system through which the driving licence of a driver who committed repeated traffic law infringements could be suspended and, under certain circumstances, revoked. However, the demerit system has never been brought into effect. This may change in the near future.

The AARTO Amendment Bill, which was passed by Parliament on 5 March 2019 but has not yet been signed by the President into law, amends AARTO in a number of important ways. In a nutshell when there is a traffic law infringement, the following is an outline of the administrative process that will be followed.

Day 1:

- The offender may be arrested. A summons will be issued for the offender to appear in court and, if found guilty, the offender may be given a fine, imprisonment, or both.

OR

- An infringement notice may be issued to the driver or vehicle owner. If the payment is made speedily, there may be a discount. Once payment has been made, number of demerit points applicable to the offence will be captured on the National Traffic Information System (NaTIS) Contravention Register. The infringer will then be advised of how many demerit points have been captured on NaTIS and how many points are left before the driver's licence, professional driving permit (PrDP) or operator card is suspended. The demerit point will be deducted regardless of whether a fine was paid or not. Within this 32-day period, an infringer may request paying in instalments or, if it is a proxy, notify the Road Traffic Infringement Agency (RTIA) of who the driver was, or elect to follow court procedures.

Day 33:

After 32-day period, a courtesy letter will be sent to the infringer stating that he or she did not respond satisfactorily. Infringers then have a further 32 days to pay the penalty and the fee for the courtesy letter.

Again, the infringer may notify the agency of who the driver was or request to pay the penalty in instalments. No discounts will be applicable at this point.

Day 65:

- After 64 days, an enforcement order will be issued and served on the driver or owner. This enforcement order will be for: (1) failing to respond to a courtesy letter; or (2) failure to appear in court following a notice; or (3) insufficient payment; or (4) payment made by cheque was dishonoured; or (5) inadequate payment of monthly instalments. At this stage the demerits will happen automatically and no driving licence, PrDP or even vehicle driving licence disk will be issued until the order has been complied with. The infringer will be warned that non-compliance will lead to a warrant being issued.

- At this point the infringer would have to pay the penalty, fees of the courtesy letter, enforcement order and representation, if applicable.

Day 97

- After 96 days (the 64-day period referred to above and a further 32 days to pay or submit a satisfactory and fully motivated application for revocation of the enforcement order) a warrant will be handed to the sheriff to execute. At this point, it may include a variety of remedies including the seizure of movable property of the infringer and selling it to defray costs, seizure of the driving licence or PrDP of the infringer and defacing it, seizure of the operator card if applicable, immobilisation of the vehicle/s of which the infringer is the owner, and reporting the infringer to the credit bureaux.

Example of demerit points:

- 6: driving under the influence of alcohol
- 6: traveling at a speed exceeding 160km/h in a 120km/h zone
- 4: Exceeding the speed limit by more than 25 km/h but less than 30km/h (exceeding with more than 30km/h or more would result in immediate arrest)
Example: travelling at 85km/h in 60km/h zone
- 3: passing on the left shoulder
- 1: licence disk not displayed in vehicle

EWASA Championship Endurance Walk 2019 kicks-off to resounding start

The much anticipated 2019 EWASA Championship Endurance Walk was hosted for the first time in Gansbaai over the weekend on 7 and 8 March 2019. More than 30 teams from police departments across the country took part in this two-day 75km endurance walk.

On the first day, participants walked 40km and the second day they walk 35km. Participating SAPS teams were joined by school teams such as Laerskool Okkie Smuts from Stanford and Towerkop Primër from Ladysmith.

Various activities included static displays by Special Forces and sporting events such as soccer and netball. Visitors were entertained by die police band and stalls from the area provided mouth-watering snacks and meals.

The event concluded with an awards ceremony at Gansbaai Academia.

Overstrand Executive Mayor Dudley Coetzee said it was an honour that the Overstrand, and Gansbaai specifically, was chosen to host this event. "Even more so since I believe it is the first time another venue was considered, other than Mossel Bay where it's been held for the past 20 years."



Mayor Dudley Coetzee and SAPS Human Resource Development: Head, Brigadier Kotzé, handed out medals to learners of Laerskool Okkie Smuts who took part in the EWASA Championship Endurance Walk 2019. Well done!

UPDATE ON WATER SITUATION END OF MARCH 2019

The De Bos Dam feeding the Greater Hermanus area is 45.2% full. This is 3.3 % higher than the same time last year. During March, 70% of the water used in the greater Hermanus came from the De Bos Dam and 30% from bore holes. We expect the level of the dam to bottom out at 39 % by the end of May before it starts to recover due to the expected winter rains. Although we are slightly better off than last year this time, residents are still encouraged to limit their water use until the dam is at least 80% full.

Other dams in the Overstrand area are at satisfactory levels:

Buffels River Dam (Rooi Els, Pringle Bay and Betty's Bay) - 100%
Kraaibos Dam (Greater Gansbaai - De Kelders to Uilkraalsmond) - 78.2%
Pearly Beach Dams - 79.4%

Kleinmond gets water directly from the Palmiet River. The level of the river is satisfactory. Stanford, Baardskeersbos and Buffeljagtsbaai get their water from boreholes. All the boreholes are performing well.



TITLE DEEDS HANDED OVER TO RIGHTFUL OWNERS

The Minister of Human Settlements, Bonginkosi Madikizela and the Executive Mayor, Ald Dudley Coetzee accompanied by fellow councilors and administration, visited three areas in the Overstrand on Thursday, 12 April 2019, to hand over title deeds to the beneficiaries from Mt Pleasant, Hawston and Kleinmond. These title deeds were not new, but were not collected previously by the rightful owners. The office of the Minister for Human Settlement arranged a ceremony and invited owners to attend and receive their title deeds or have some body to receive it on their behalf.

Below is the breakdown of the different project starting from pre 1994:

1. MOUNT PLEASANT: Thirty one (31) title deeds were registered for the area. Eleven (11) beneficiaries were elderly (older than 60 years). These title deeds were registered for properties under the following projects, namely:

- ▶ Old scheme (pre 1994) : 11
- ▶ Selfbou Scheme (PHP) : 4. Forms part of the old scheme (pre 1994)
- ▶ 350 housing project : 16. Project developed between 1997 and 2000.

2. HAWSTON: Forty eight (48) title deeds were registered. Seventeen of the beneficiaries were elderly (older than 60 years). The title deeds were registered for properties in the following projects namely:

- ▶ Old scheme (pre 1994) : 19
- ▶ Selfbou Scheme (PHP) : 2. Developed pre 1994.
- ▶ 350 housing project : 11. Developed between 1999 - 2000
- ▶ 182 housing project : 13. Developed between 2006 - 2008
- ▶ Private/affordable erven : 3. Developed between 2006 - 2008

3. KLEINMOND: One hundred and sixty seven (167) title deeds were registered for the area. The title deeds were registered for properties in the following projects, namely:

- ▶ Poppedorp, Kleinmond : 101. Developed pre 1994
- ▶ Kleinmond 410 project : 67. Developed between 2010 - 2011.

COST PER TRANSFER to transfer a property developed by state funding amounts to R2,000 per transfer., which amount had been approved by the Provincial Department of Human Settlements. However, the cost to replace the lost title deed at own cost amounts to +- R3,000.00.

WE ARE ASKING VISITORS TO BE MINDFUL OF THEIR WATER USAGE AND SAVE LIKE A LOCAL

Level 2 water restrictions remain in force in the Greater Hermanus area

- Gardens can only be watered ONE DAY per week
- Gardens may only be watered for a maximum of ONE HOUR per week
- Please water gardens before 09:00 or after 17:00
- For residents with even numbers, it is Wednesdays ONLY
- For residents with uneven numbers, it is Tuesdays ONLY
- Irrigation systems may be used, but only for periods as stated above
- Hose pipes may be used, but only for periods as stated above
- Hosing down of paving and cement surfaces are not allowed
- Vehicles may only be washed using a bucket
- Swimming pools may be filled