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Let's commit to Saving Electricity in 2020!

Use electricity smartly

It can be this easy for households to **save electricity** (and costs) during summer

1. Use the cold water tap rather than using the geyser every time
2. When you leave the room, remember to switch off the lights
3. Set your swimming pool pump cycle to run twice a day, three hours at a time for optimal energy use. And avoid running a cycle between 5pm and 8pm to support the power system
4. Set air-conditioners' average temperature in summer at 23°C
5. Be energy efficient and change your light bulbs to energy efficient lights/LEDs
6. At the end of the day, turn off computers, copiers, printers and fax machines at the switch. Avoid stand-by or sleep mode.

Overstrand Municipality appeals to visitors and residents to conserve electricity as best they can during the hot summer months.

By looking closely at how you use electricity, taking steps to save power where you can and by controlling the use of your appliances, it is actually easy to conserve energy.

Below are some saving tips that could help you:

- If you're not using an appliance, switch it off.
- Let's all get into the habit of switching off the lights when we leave a room.
- Don't leave TVs, DVD players and other electrical equipment in stand-by mode – rather switch them off completely.
- The same can be said for plug points and adaptors that hold cell phone chargers or bed-side bulbs.
- To save electricity in your kitchen, close fridge doors as quickly as possible when taking items out. Do not leave the door open for longer than necessary.
- A geyser uses 39% of all household electricity; switch it off to save electricity and money.
- Insulate geysers and water pipes as this will help the water to stay hot for longer.
- Reduce the maximum temperature setting for your geyser/thermostat.
- Instead of a long bath rather take a shower, as showers use less water and energy.

Remember, energy and water-saving shower heads use less water and electricity.

- Use energy efficient lights/LEDs.

By working together, we can lighten the load on our national grid and at the same time reduce the probability of load shedding.

NEW LIQUOR TRADING HOURS PROPOSED FOR OVERSTRAND



Residents have until 23 March 2020 to comment on the new proposed liquor trading hours in the Overstrand.

The two-page document contains significant implications for liquor licence holders in terms of when people can buy and enjoy alcohol responsibly.

The by-law outlines recommendations for amendment to the following:

- Liquor may only be sold for consumption on the licensed premises between of 10:00 and 00:00 on any day
- Liquor may only be sold for consumption off the licensed premises between 08:00 and 00:00, Mondays to Saturdays only

This does not imply that liquor may not be sold for consumption on the premises outside of the published times. Section 4 of the Liquor Trading Hours by-law makes provision of licensees to make application to sell liquor at other times where this is in the interest of the Community. Residents are encouraged to comment on the proposed changes.

The proposed changes can be regarded as an attempt to clamp down on liquor abuse, hooliganism, noise pollution and public disturbances.

The proposed liquor trading hours by-law will be available for perusal during office hours at the offices of the Area Managers in Gansbaai, Stanford, Hermanus and Kleinmond, in all the public libraries in the Overstrand and the Corporate Head Office of the municipality in Hermanus, as well as on the official website at www.overstrand.gov.za. (Click on documents, click on by-law and then on draft by-law.)

Comments can be forward to the Municipal Manager (for attention Lionel Wallace), PO Box 20, Hermanus 7200, or fax 028 313 8931, or email to lw Wallace@overstrand.gov.za

Did you know?

- To legally sell or produce liquor, you need to have a liquor licence that is granted by the Western Cape Liquor Authority. This licence must be renewed every year.
- A liquor licence is a document that is issued to a person permitting him/her to sell liquor to the public or to produce alcohol.
- You can complain when a liquor licence holder breaks the law, or any condition attached to the licence.
- All licence holders must display the licence conditions at the licensed premises for the public to view.
- You can take photos, videos or other evidence to support your complaint.

Lodge a complaint

If you think someone is not adhering to the liquor laws, you can lodge a complaint with the Western Cape Liquor Authority.

Complaints can be lodged about unlicensed liquor outlets in the community, outlets selling liquor to under-aged people, or outlets staying open later than its licence allows.

According to a statement from the Western Cape Liquor Authority, they will investigate and act if enough evidence of wrongdoing is available. Serious offences will be referred to the Liquor Licensing Tribunal which may withdraw the licence, suspend the licence, make changes to the conditions of the licence or issue a fine.

Such activities can be reported to the Western Cape Liquor Authority on 021 204 9805 or e-mail liquor.enquiries@wcla.gov.za. You can also visit www.wcla.gov.za. You may also complain to the South African Police Service (SAPS) and municipal law enforcement.



INTERACTIVE WEBSITE PROVIDES ACCESS TO MAPS FOR RESIDENTS OF OVERSTRAND

The Overstrand Municipality has recently made basic map data available online through a viewer which runs on your own computer, tablet or smart phone.

The map viewer contains aerial photography taken in December 2018 as well as the current property data with erf numbers, street names and addresses. The property data is updated on a quarterly basis.

You can also look at the zoning of properties and whether a building falls into a heritage category.

The viewer can be found on www.overstrand.gov.za and click on the map icon.

Instruction on how to use the viewer can be found by clicking on the "I" button.

HOW & WHERE TO DISPOSE OF RUBBLE

Builder's rubble up to 1 ton

We appeal to residents and builders not to mix bricks, stone and sand (i.e. clean building rubble up to the size of a brick) with material such as cement bags, plastic, paper, cardboard and metal or planks (i.e. contaminated building rubble). Smaller quantities of building rubble up to one ton (zero to 1 ton) can be disposed of FREE OF CHARGE if it is CLEAN/SORTED and contain no items larger than the size of a brick at the Kleinmond transfer station and the drop-off facilities in Hawston, Stanford and Pearly Beach as well as at the Gansbaai and Karwyderskraal landfill sites.

Kindly note, the transfer station and drop-off facilities will NOT ACCEPT loads of builder's rubble that are greater than 1 ton or greater than 250 mm in size or not clean (i.e. contaminated with general waste or planks et cetera that probably originated from a construction or demolition site).

Builder's rubble more than 1 ton

Builder's rubble of more than one ton can be disposed of at the Karwyderskraal landfill. Remember, if it is not sorted, you will pay per ton disposed of. A contaminated load (any planks, cement bags or general waste) will result in the builder's rubble waste load being charged at a premium of R220/t on actual total mass disposed of at the site. If you dispose of 1.2 tons, you will only pay for 1.2 tons. Anyone who wants to transport building rubble to the Karwyderskraal landfill site must be registered with the Overberg District Municipality (ODM). Failure to do so will result in dumping being denied. Registration forms are available from Ingrid Marti at imarti@odm.org.za or at the Karwyderskraal weighbridge office. The Karwyderskraal landfill site is open every weekday from 08:00 until 18:00 but closed on weekends and public holidays.

The table below reflects Karwyderskraal's approved tariffs for the period 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020:

Description	Tariff per ton, or part thereof
Cover material and clean builder's rubble containing nothing larger than the size of a brick	No charge
Oversized clean builder's rubble (any of the load larger than brick size)	R100.00
Mixed, contaminated or unsorted builder's rubble (contains wood, paper, steel, etc.)	R220.00
Domestic waste	R217.45

- UNSORTED/CONTAMINATED BUILDER'S RUBBLE implies that the rubble has not been sorted – in other words contains planks, cement bags, general waste and the likes – and probably originated from a construction or demolition site.
- CLEAN BUILDER'S RUBBLE implies that the load to be disposed of is clean and contains no items larger than a standard brick.
- OVERSIZE CLEAN BUILDER'S RUBBLE, on the other hand, implies that the load to be disposed of is clean and contains concrete or rubble larger than the size of a standard brick.

The operating hours of the respective facilities are as follows:

- Kleinmond transfer station is open weekdays from 07:30 – 18:00 and from 07:30 until 16:30 on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.
- Hawston drop-off is open weekdays from 08:00 till 18:00 and from 09:00 till 16:00 on Saturdays and public holidays.
- Drop-offs in Stanford and Pearly Beach are open weekdays from 08:00 till 17:00 and from 09:00 till 14:00 on Saturdays and public holidays.
- The Gansbaai landfill is open weekdays from 08:00 till 18:00 and Saturdays and from 08:00 till 15:00 on public holidays.
- The Karwyderskraal landfill is open every weekday from 08:00 until 18:00 but closed on weekends and public holidays.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT OPEN EVERY SECOND SATURDAY

Hermanus Traffic Department

Every second Saturday, the Hermanus Traffic Department, located on the corner of Short and Mussel Streets in Hermanus, will be open from 8:30 to 12:00.

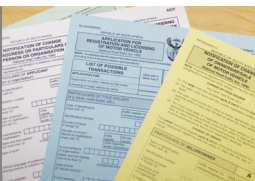
For the remainder of the first quarter of 2020, the dates in question are as follows:

07 March 2020, 28 March 2020, 18 April 2020, 25 April 2020

• These dates are tentative and subject to change.

On weekdays, operating hours are as follows:

K53 and vehicle registration (Mondays to Fridays): 08:00 - 15:15
 Fines Office (Mondays to Fridays): 08:00 - 13:00 & 13:45 - 15:15
 Court cashiers (Mondays to Fridays): 08:00 - 13:00 & 13:45 - 15:00
 Cashier's Office (Mondays to Fridays): 08:00 - 15:30



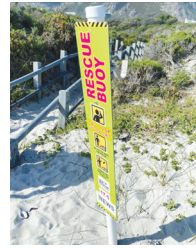
EXTENSION OF PUBLIC-PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR DRAFT CLOSE-CIRCUIT TELEVISION POLICY ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

Please note that the public participation process for the draft Close-circuit Television Policy on Municipal Property has been extended until 31 May 2020.

Note that the draft policy will remain open for inspection at all public libraries within Overstrand's jurisdiction and that it can also be viewed via the official website www.overstrand.gov.za. (Click on Documents and then Policies and Draft Policies.)

Comments and inputs can be forwarded to Lester Smith at lestersmith@overstrand.gov.za (tel. 028 313 5041). Alternatively, contact Overstrand's Disaster Risk Management Administrator, M Carelse, on 028 313 8941 or e-mail mcarelse@overstrand.gov.za.

PINK BUOY AT GROTTA BEACH HAS GONE MISSING



Please be on the lookout for the missing pink buoy at Grotto beach. Sadly, this is not the first time rescue equipment has been stolen.

We request residents to please assist us in finding the missing rescue buoy by keeping their eyes peeled for anyone who is in possession of this easily identifiable, bright pink lifesaving buoy.

Let's keep making our swimming areas a safer place for our children and other beach lovers. Remember, a stolen pink buoy is a stolen life, and accidents can happen at any time.

You can contact Hermanus NSRI on 082 990 5967 or deon@searescue.org.za with information. Alternatively, call Law Enforcement on 028 313 8996.

Any emergency and/or distress call regarding drowning or accidents can be reported to the municipality's 24-hour EMERGENCY ONLY number on 028 312 2400.

For day-to-day law enforcement and by-law complaints, call 028 313 8996.

For general enquiries, call Overstrand's control room on 028 313 8000 or 028 313 8111 for burst water pipes and the likes.

HOW TO READ YOUR WATER METER



A number of people have asked how one reads a water meter.

The three numbers on the right on the red background next to the millilitres digit indicate how many litres have been used. As soon as these numbers reach 999, they will roll over to the black numbers on the left, which indicate kilolitres used (one kilolitre equals 1 000 litres).

Only the black numbers on the left, in other words the kilolitres used, will reflect on your account.

If you want to track your water usage in and around your house, or see whether there is an underground leakage, simply turn off all the taps on your property and ensure no one uses any water in the house or flushes the toilet. If the red digits on the right are rolling, then the chances are you have a leakage. In the picture below, the meter indicates that 239 kilolitres and 102 litres have been used. It is useful to know the location of your meter because a stop-tap, which controls the flow of water, is normally next to the meter. In an emergency, such as a burst water pipe, you can use the stop-tap to turn off the water supply to prevent waste and damage.



OAK invites you to a concert by three cello goddesses – the ROSANTHORN CELLO TRIO – in the Civic Auditorium at 15:30 on Sunday, 15 March 2020. Come and enjoy a bewitching cello experience when they perform a CLASSICS FOR ALL programme.

Tickets are R150 (R60 for students) and available from the Tourism Office in Mitchell Street (tel. 028 312 2629). Contact René du Plooy on 082 940 4238 for further enquiries.