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# Bulletin

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## MESSAGE FROM MAYOR RABIE

### "No matter how dark the storm clouds, just follow the light"

A heartfelt thank you to our residents for their support and cooperation, and to Overstrand Municipality's employees for their hard work and dedication during the past year. It has not been an easy one: Most were hard hit by the rising cost of living, and nature reminded us that living at the coast can, at times, be rather challenging.

Thankfully, no matter how dark and threatening the clouds, there are always those who are willing and prepared to bring a little light into the lives of others.

This year, I would like to extend a special word of thanks to all the civil organisations, NGOs, NPOs, rate payers' associations, soup kitchens, volunteer groups and ordinary citizens for their endeavours to uplift the lives of so many either by means of financial support or by unselfishly contributing their time and energy so that the Overstrand can be a better place for all to live and work in.

There will always be hardship. For this festive season, though, I would like to wish all of you the merriest of times. May the presence of your loved ones – be it in your heart or in your home – bring comfort and peace.

My hope for our residents and the municipality is that 2025 will see the realisation of dreams and will invigorate us all to achieve more and to work harder. May we also take the time to appreciate that, despite all our differences, we are still the same in that we all hope for love, peace and being afforded an opportunity to live a fulfilling and meaningful life.

Undoubtedly, 2025 holds the promise of being an exciting one since Overstrand Municipality fully intends to continue its quest to create an Overstrand for all.



## OFFICE CLOSURES OVER FESTIVE SEASON

For the most part, municipal offices will remain open during normal office hours (07:45 – 16:30) on weekdays.

The exceptions are the 16th of December (a public holiday) and the days around Christmas and New Year:

- ❖ **CHRISTMAS:** Municipal offices will close at 13:00 on the 24th of December and reopen at 07:45 on the 30th of December.
- ❖ **NEW YEAR:** Municipal offices will close at 13:00 on the 31st of December and reopen at 07:45 on the 6th of January 2025.

Irrespective of office closures, do note that all essential services will be provided as usual throughout the festive season.

In addition, Overstrand's 24/7 Control Room as well as Fire & Rescue Services will be fully manned throughout to deal with any emergency that might crop up.

To report an operational or service delivery issue, call **028 313 8111** or report the matter via the Collab Citizen App.

In case of a fire or a medical or rescue emergency, call **028 312 2400** immediately.

## HOUSEHOLD WASTE

Public holidays and office closures despite, collection will continue as usual.

**Overstrand Municipality appeals to one and all to dispose of their refuse in a responsible manner and to do their bit to support our drive towards cleaner towns and villages.**

- ❖ Stick to the refuse removal schedule for your area.
- ❖ Place your household waste in wheelie bins/black bags and put it out on the scheduled collection day **only** by no later than 07:00 on the morning of collection.
- ❖ Do not leave refuse bags/bins on the pavement overnight.
- ❖ In baboon-affected areas, you must make use of an animal-proof bin to dispose of domestic waste.
- ❖ We are serious about recycling. Please separate your waste: Black bags are for "wet" waste; the clear bags are for recycling.
- ❖ Clean garden waste should be delivered to one of the following: the Gansbaai landfill site; the Betty's Bay garden-waste site; or the transfer stations in Hermanus and Kleinmond. Alternatively, make use of the public drop-off sites in Stanford and Pearly Beach.
- ❖ When transporting garden waste, please be sure to cover and secure the load with tarpaulins or nets.
- ❖ All of the facilities referred to above are open from 08:00 till 17:00 on weekdays, and most are also open on Saturdays and public holidays, albeit for shorter hours.
- ❖ Do not dump rubbish bags, old furniture or household appliances next to roads or on open erven.
- ❖ If you are letting your property, make sure that your tenants are fully aware of the arrangements pertaining to the disposal of household waste.
- ❖ Note that some areas in the Overstrand have been declared "bin-free". Please respect these areas by taking your litter home with you.



Fitting tribute was paid over **REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND** to all who fought so valiantly during the First World War. Doves were released in the cemetery where our fallen heroes were laid to rest, and those who attended the wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph in Hermanus' Old Harbour solemnly pledged to never forget. This war memorial was erected in 1929 to commemorate the eleven volunteers from Hermanus who never returned.

Attending the ceremony were law enforcement inspector Ethelbert Lombaer, Deputy Mayor Lindile Ntsabo, traffic officer Ralmon Hansen and Peter Goldie, a representative of the Hermanus MOTH unit known as the Seagull Shellhole. With them is Cadet Bailey, a representative of the TS Birkenhead Sea Cadets in Hawston.

Please don't spoil your holiday by acting irresponsibly:

# **BE SAFE BE WISE BE CONSIDERATE**

Always put safety first and obey the rules.



*Where there's smoke, there's bound to be a fire.*

## **REPORT SUSPICIOUS FIRES IMMEDIATELY!**

The fire season is upon us. Of importance here is that all potential threats should be attended to as quickly and efficiently as possible.

A long, hot summer lies ahead, and it would be in everyone's best interest if we all remain vigilant and take the necessary precautions against runaway fires.

To begin with, Overstrand Municipality appeals to all residents to be on the lookout for any signs of smoke.

We rely on you to be our eyes on the ground.



**PLEASE DON'T HESITATE:** The minute you spot suspicious smoke, alert Overstrand's Fire and Rescue Services by calling **028 312 2400**.

**WE ALSO APPEAL TO ONE AND ALL TO TAKE THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT THEIR HOMES:**

- Trim overhanging trees and shrubs.
- Rid all gutters of debris.
- Dispose of all superfluous flammable rubble.
- Make sure the firebreaks between your property and bordering grasslands are capable of offering reasonable resistance to runaway fires.

*Your cooperation in this regard is much appreciated!*

