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UPGRADES OF WASTE-WATER AND WATER WORKS COMPLETED

To the west, the ± R55 million-upgrade of Kleinmond's waste-water treatment works (situated on the R44) has been completed.

This project involved the refurbishment and upgrading of the existing plant which included the construction of a new aerobic reactor, conversion of the existing reactor to an anoxic basin and the installation of a mechanical screen and a screenings washer compactor. Along with various structural and process improvements, an access slab and new staff facilities were also added.

The plant now has a treatment capacity of two megalitres per day.

To the east, Pearly Beach's water tower underwent a much-needed "facelift" to restore its structural integrity. Pearly Beach relies on both the Koekemoer and Pearly Beach Dams for its water supply, and the treatment plant was originally designed to handle a blend from both sources.

Other ongoing projects throughout Overstrand include the replacement of ageing water pipes, the development of boreholes and the installation of new disinfection systems, to mention but a few.



“Are you aware that the woman next door is being abused?”

BREAK THE SILENCE: SPEAK UP!

August is *Women's Month*, a month devoted to honouring the contributions of those remarkable women who were prepared to sacrifice everything so that, one day, we all could be free and treated equally.

Sadly, the reality is that many, many women living in the so-called "new South Africa" are neither free, nor being treated equally.

The fact of the matter is that many are victims of gender-based violence: A crime that is all too often committed right under the noses of their next-door neighbours, neighbours who simply turn their backs and offer the lame excuse that domestic tiffs are none of their business.

On top of that, even when victims turn to the SAPS or the courts for assistance, their cases are often dismissed as mere "quarrels" between spouses and not worth pursuing due to a lack of evidence that an actual crime had been committed.

This begs the question: If an abused woman and her traumatised children have no option but to flee, who do they turn to?

The time has come for collective action against GBV and to unite as communities to create a safe, supportive space for abused women and their children.

For starters, if you suspect that your next-door neighbour is being abused, please contact any organisation that provides social welfare services in your area.

These organisations are under an obligation to treat all information as confidential and to follow up on any case that has been brought to their attention.

Simply put, by merely alerting social services to a possible case of abuse, you could help avoid a tragic outcome that could potentially destroy many innocent lives.

Let's not turn our backs: Certainly, the women of South Africa is deserving of a safe, supportive community where everyone can be free and treated equally?

#BreakTheSilence

Locations now pinned to a T

The latest version of Overstrand Municipality's Collab Citizen app (v1.9.46) fixes the issue users had when selecting the precise location for a service request. With this update, you can now accurately select (pin) a location or change an address. You can even save your address as a favourite. In fact, you can save as many addresses as you like – quite handy when submitting a service request because you simply need to click on the 'Favourites' icon.

This enhancement also streamlines the process of reporting and following up on issues. For example, it could be that someone has already reported the faulty streetlight, pothole or overgrown erf in your street.

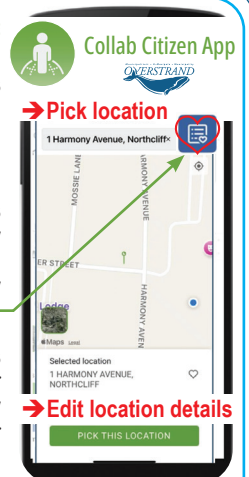
Most importantly, it helps to prevent duplicate reports at critical times when municipal resources are stretched to the limit. An example would be during heavy storms when numerous reports are received from more or less the same location that a storm-water drain is overflowing, that a power line is down, that a tree has fallen.

Of course, we do not want to discourage anyone from reporting an issue or a problem. All we ask is that, if at all possible, go to the Collab app first and zoom in to view the green location markers.



These markers will show which issues have already been logged in your area. By tapping on any of these markers and selecting "FOLLOW", the details of the logged issue will be revealed, simultaneously enabling you to keep abreast of progress made with resolving the matter.

For instructions on how to download and use the latest version of the app, go to www.overstrand.gov.za/overstrand-collab-citizen-app.



RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

Overstrand Municipality has long since been lauded for the exemplary system it has in place to dispose of waste in a responsible, environmentally friendly manner.

The effectiveness of this system, though, is largely dependent on diverting as much waste as possible away from landfill sites by instilling a culture where recycling or reusing becomes second nature to Overstrand's residents.

By way of illustration, thanks to the exemplarily cooperation of those residing in the Greater Gansbaai area alone, statistics for the period May 2024 to April 2025 show that **1 666 tons** of builders' rubble and soils, **175 tons** of organic waste and **25 tons** of recyclable materials are on average being diverted from the Gansbaai landfill site per month already.

Consequently, the general waste ending up at the landfill site for the same period could be limited to **1 234 tons** on average per month.

If this practice of diverting around 60% of waste per month can be maintained, the more likely it is that the operational lifetime of this landfill site can be extended to 2036.

In essence, adopting a culture of recycling and reusing hinges on two principles: caring and sharing.

RECYCLABLES ARE WORTH THEIR WEIGHT IN GOLD



Not only does it make sense environmentally speaking to recycle items such as glass, cardboard, paper, plastic and cans as many times as possible, it also makes economic sense: Thanks to the numerous job opportunities this practice creates, recycling contributes directly to social development.

In Gansbaai, a dedicated material recovery facility (MRF) is operated by EnviroServ, a contracted service provider that currently employs five people on a full-time basis and another three on a short-term basis. The MRF in Hermanus, operated by Hermanus Recycling, has 23 people in its employ. These are the people who, at the beginning of the cycle, are responsible for manually sorting recyclables so that the items can be crated/ baled and sold off for recycling to specialised companies - companies that employ goodness knows how many people.

For many years, Overstrand Municipality has been operating a two-bag system for common household waste: General waste goes into a black bag, and recyclables go into a clear plastic bag. Both bags are picked up by the municipality on waste-collection day, where after the black bags are disposed of at a landfill site or transfer station and the clear bags are diverted to a material recovery facility.

LATEST UPDATE ON THE SALE AND LEASING OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES

Back in June 2022, Overstrand Municipality held a conference aimed at attracting potential investors who might be interested in unlocking the potential of some earmarked properties owned by the municipality.

As recently reported during a Council meeting by the mayoral committee member for planning and development, Deputy Mayor Elnora Gillion, a lot has transpired since. Tenders for the Zwelihle Yellow Building have been advertised, the tender for the Sjechinah Selfboustoor has been awarded, and the report on the Sandbaai Hall has been submitted to the previous mayor.

Unregistered erf 12308 (portion of erf 384) in Hermanus and erf 1886 in Franskraalstrand have both been sold and transferred for the development of medical facilities and townhouses respectively.

The table below provides a brief summary of the current state of affairs per tender as advertised to date.

DESCRIPTION	CURRENT STATUS (MID-JUNE)
Lease and development of De Mond public resort, Hermanus	Awarded; lease agreement signed
Lease, development and management of Nautilus Restaurant, Hermanus	Awarded; lease agreement signed
Lease, development and management of Dutchies Restaurant, Hermanus	Awarded; lease agreement signed
Lease, development and management of Kleinmond public resort	Awarded; lease agreement signed
Lease, development and management of Fisherhaven Yacht Club	Awarded; lease agreement signed
Sale of unregistered erf 11440, Hermanus (office use)	New valuation to be done for new tender in 2025/2026 financial year
Sale of a portion of erf 4771, Hermanus (residential development)	Tender cancelled; town planning process initiated
Sale of a portion of erf 4833, Hermanus (residential development)	Awarded; deed of sale signed; town planning process underway
Sale of erf 1070, De Kelders (nature reserve/tourist facility)	Tender cancelled; new valuation to be done for new tender in 2025/2026 financial year
Sale of two portions of erf 210, Gansbaai (mariculture/light industry)	Not proceeding; investigation showed that properties are too wet for formal development
Sale of unregistered erf 6387, Gansbaai (industrial development)	Tender cancelled; new valuation to be done for new tender in 2025/2026 financial year

* Refer to municipal website for more details

CARING AND SHARING STARTS AT HOME

Getting to grips with the two-bag system is as easy as **1-2-3**.

1 To get started, buy a roll of transparent refuse bags at your local supermarket.

Place all recyclable household waste (e.g. glass containers, newspapers, plastic bottles, milk cartons and cereal boxes) in one of the transparent bags.

3 Next time, put that bag out for collection. On collection day, we will replace your bag with a new one. (Hold on to the roll you bought as backup in case your free replacement bag goes missing.)

And that's that!

Entrench the two-bag system by making sure those in your household know:

- Recyclables must be clean and dry.
- Broken glass should first be wrapped in newspaper before going into the clear bag.
- Recyclables should never be disposed of in a black bag.
- Transparent bags are exclusively for recyclables, and black bags are exclusively for "wet" waste (e.g. food waste) and other non-recyclable waste.

Recyclables can be dropped off directly at either of the two materials recovery facilities (Gansbaai or Hermanus). Alternatively, drop it off at the Kleinmond transfer station or at the designated drop-off site in your area. We will collect and transport the recyclables to an MRF.

Interestingly, several swap-shops operating mostly in densely populated areas throughout Overstrand will gladly exchange collected recyclables for basic goods.

This initiative caught on with school kids who nowadays won't think twice before picking up a discarded cold-drink bottle or can in anticipation of exchanging their "haul" for the likes of pencils, pens, crayons and exercise books.