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2016 - 2021 OUR **ACHIEVEMENTS**



We belong



We care



We serve

Message from the Executive Mayor



Dear Reader,

Under Section 152 of the South African Constitution of 1996, local government is the engine of basic service delivery. Local government is charged, among other things, with ensuring the provision of basic municipal services (i.e. water, sanitation, refuse removal, electricity) to communities in a sustainable manner, promoting social and economic development, and promoting a safe and healthy environment (Constitution, 1996).

A brief overview of the service delivery performance of Councils' term of office since 2016 in the Overstrand follows.

ALD. DUDLEY COETZEE

A note from our Municipal Manager



Dear Reader,

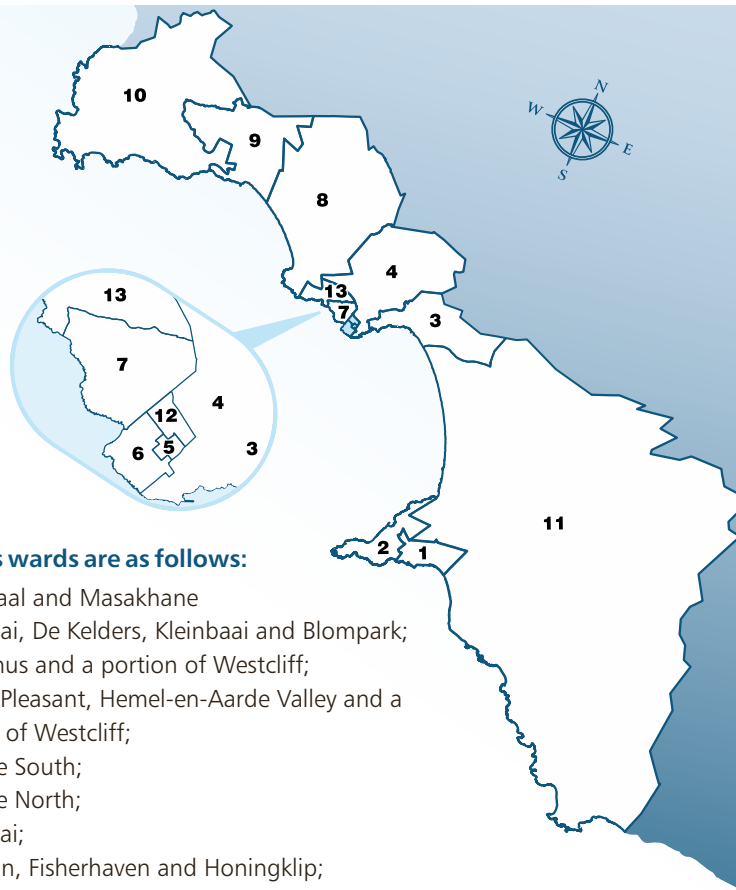
This publication showcases some of the Municipality's service delivery achievements to our communities since 2016.

This would not have been possible without the decisive decisions and direction from Council, informed by the input and support from our communities and the partnerships with other spheres of government and the private sector. Thank you for your contribution towards making the municipality a centre of excellence for the community.

DEAN O'NEILL

OVERSTRAND AT A GLANCE

Overstrand Municipality is located in the Overberg District, Western Cape.

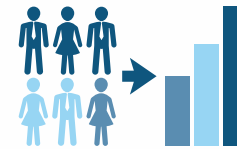


Overstrand's wards are as follows:

1. Franskraal and Masakhane
2. Gansbaai, De Kelders, Kleinbaai and Blompark;
3. Hermanus and a portion of Westcliff;
4. Mount Pleasant, Hemel-en-Aarde Valley and a portion of Westcliff;
5. Zwelihle South;
6. Zwelihle North;
7. Sandbaai;
8. Hawston, Fisherhaven and Honingklip;
9. Kleinmond, Mountain View and Palmiet;
10. Betty's Bay, Pringle Bay, Rooiels, Overhills and Proteadorp;
11. Stanford, Baardskeerdersbos, Pearly Beach, Viljoenshof, Withoogte and Buffeljachts;
12. Zwelihle North-West;
13. Onrus and Vermont.

Since 2011 the Municipality has 13 wards, but an additional ward be to demarcated for 2021 with the local government elections (thus 14 wards in October 2021).

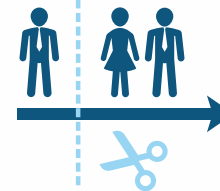
SOCIO-ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT



DEMOGRAPHICS

111 991 projected population in 2021

35 385 number of households (2019/20)



UNEMPLOYMENT

14.8% unemployment rate (2019/20)



MAIN ECONOMIC SECTORS

GDPR Contribution per sector:

TOP 3 SECTORS

23.7% Finance, insurance, real estate and business services

19.5% Wholesale & retail trade, catering and accommodation

15.1% Manufacturing

The **FIVE FOCUS AREAS** that guided our service delivery since 2016 are:

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GOOD GOVERNANCE



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BASIC SERVICE DELIVERY



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OPTIMISATION OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES



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SAFE AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT



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SOCIAL UPLIFTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



FOCUS AREA 1 GOOD GOVERNANCE



Retained **4 (four)** clean audits since 2016.

Well-functioning ward committee system acknowledged by Province, COGTA. Overstrand was **1st municipality** in the country to establish ward committees after the 2016 Local Government elections.

It was decided in 2018 by the Executive Mayor to annually host **Ward Committee Summits**. The purpose of the Summit is to deal with important matters/challenges experienced in the Municipal area. Summits were held on 26 November 2018 and 27 November 2019. No Summit was held in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Overstrand Ward Committee Summits, 2018 and 2019.

Since August 2020 the Municipality successfully hosted **Ward Committee meetings** by way of a combination of physical attendance and via virtual platform.



Hybrid Ward committee meetings, 2020.

Overstrand Municipality prides itself on having **well functional governance structures** e.g. Joint Audit and Performance Audit Committee (JAPAC) and the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC).

Mayoral Awards, formerly Night of Achievers, hosted since 2001 by the Executive Mayor to **honour those achievers who selflessly devote their expertise, time and energy to making a difference in the lives of others**. Members of the public have the opportunity to nominate achievers for the prestigious Mayoral Awards in various categories.



L – R: 2018 and 2019 Mayoral Award recipients.

1st Thursday - Overstrand Executive Mayor, Dudley Coetzee, Mayoral Committee Members (ExCo Councillors), the Municipal Manager and Top Management team hosted the first of Overstrand Municipality's First Thursday events on 7 November 2019 in Hermanus.

Residents had the opportunity to engage with the Mayor and his team one-on-one, cutting down 'red tape' processes, giving the public direct contact for dialogue on how we can improve services and grow the economy. The roll-out of the event to other areas in Overstrand were unfortunately derailed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.



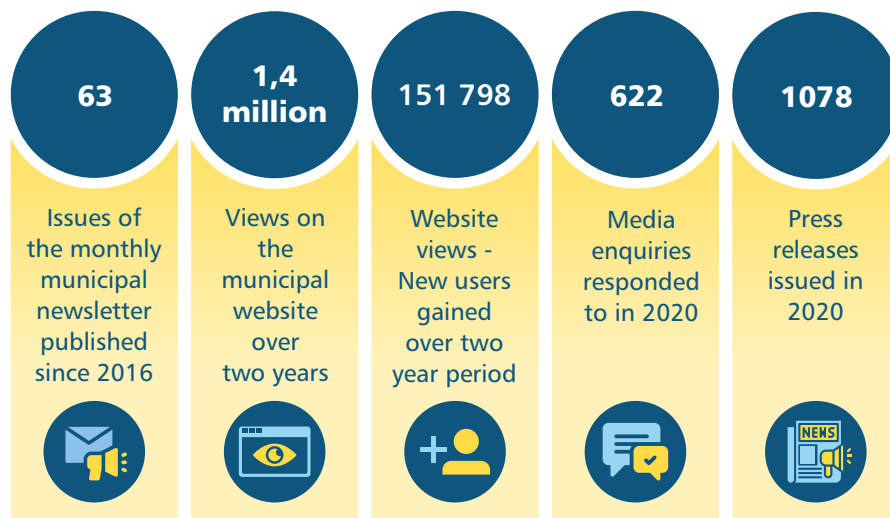
1st Thursday engagement, Hermanus.

Mayoral Walkabout, during this period the Executive Mayor, Ald. Dudley Coetzee, flanked by his Mayoral Committee members and municipal staff did walkabouts to various businesses in Hermanus, Kleinmond and Gansbaai to pledge his support. The idea was simply to get in touch, listen to business owners, suggestions and concerns and to see, first hand, how they were coping after the 2018 civil unrest and the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic.



Mayoral walkabout in 2018 and 2020.

Communication



Social media

More and more members of society are gleaning information from social media and by electronic means. In order to reach as many people as possible, Overstrand Municipality balances its communications program by engaging in traditional (mainstream) media as well as social media.

Since April 2016, the Overstrand Municipality uses **Facebook and Twitter** to keep residents abreast of what is happening. It is a reliable source of up-to-date information.

Social media makes it possible for the Municipality to hear directly from the people who are impacted by the Municipality's decisions, both positive and negative.



Human resources

Funding was made available by National Treasury for the awarding of external study bursaries. The municipality advertised three times in the local newspapers. Only with the third round of advertising, with closing date 04 December 2020, four (4) applicants were successful in their applications. Four (4) bursaries were awarded. The students already commenced with their academic year during March 2021.



Overstrand Municipal Manager, Mr. Dean O'Neill with students awarded bursaries

Prior to 2016, the municipality when conducting internal investigations into misconduct, made use of external service providers. These investigations were not only expensive, but time consuming. The human resources department saw the need to appoint their own investigating officers. **A Labour Relations unit** was created within the Human Resources Department with two staff positions successfully filled late in 2016.

During the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 employers were, in terms of the Disaster Management Regulations, compelled to establish a COVID-19 plan. Part of the Regulation was to have employees screened for COVID-19 symptoms before entering the workplace. The municipality appointed employees to screen staff members before entering the workplace. One of the criteria of the appointees was to have a background in the medical field for them to accurately screen staff members and where symptoms are present to refer those employees to the local clinic or hospital.

14 screeners plus one administrator were appointed for the execution of the task. The screeners are appointed at the various administrations, namely Gansbaai, Stanford, Hermanus and Kleinmond.



FOCUS AREA 2

BASIC SERVICE DELIVERY



The provision of basic municipal services (i.e. water, sanitation, electricity, refuse removal and municipal roads) are core municipal functions.

Access to free basic services

Free basic municipal services are services provided at no charge by the Government to poor households. Only **indigent households** qualify for free basic services. Municipalities subject all applications to means tests to determine whether households meet the criteria set by the municipality to qualify for indigent status. Municipalities determine their own categories of subsidies.



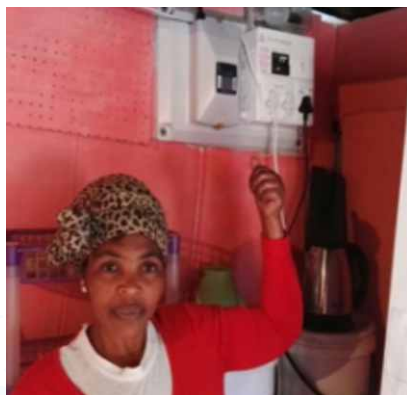
7 522 Average number of indigent households supported since 2016.

R 58,3 million Average R-value of total indigent support since 2016.

Services in informal areas

After the successful completion of the access to basic services project in 2013/2014, every household in the 12 informal settlements of Overstrand Municipality have access to **water** (1 tap per 25 families) and **sanitation** (1 toilet per 5 families) as per the national standard.

Electrification informal housing in Thambo Square site, Zwelihle, Hermanus



2 474 Informal units electrified since 2016

R 21,2 million Spent on the electrification of informal areas since 2016

Invaded land – access to basic water and sanitation



5 993 Informal households provided with basic water services and basic sanitation services on invaded land.

Water services

Overstrand Municipality's total bulk water demand decreased from 9.054 million kilolitres in 2009 to 7.148 million kilolitres in 2016, and furthermore to 7.074 million kilolitres in 2020. This is an overall reduction of more than 21% in bulk water demand since 2009, while the population increased by an estimated 3% per year during the period. This was achieved through, amongst other things, the continued water pipe and water meter replacement programs, the use of treated effluent for irrigation of sports fields, pressure management, and continuous creation of public awareness of water scarcity, especially during the recent drought period, which severely affected the Greater Hermanus area of the Overstrand.

2 New production boreholes were developed in the Gateway Well Field since 2016, which facilitated the ability to abstract the licensed volume from this well field.

6.087 km's Water pipes replaced since 2016.

R 30,47 million Spent on water pipe replacements.

14 Bulk water projects completed since 2016.

R 56,2 million Spent on the bulk water infrastructure projects.



The **largest bulk water projects** undertaken during this period were the upgrade of the bulk water supply pipeline to Gansbaai, the construction of new reservoirs at Gansbaai and Pringle Bay, the augmentation of the Gateway Well Field in Hermanus, and a new water treatment plant at Stanford.



Pringle Bay reservoir



New borehole, Gateway Well field, Hermanus

Overstrand Municipality received a certificate for outstanding achievement for innovation for the outsourcing of the operation and maintenance of the bulk water and waste water works from the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEADP) in their 2017 Greenest Municipality Competition.

Overstrand Municipality won the Water Management category in the 2016 Western Cape Greenest Municipality Competition of DEADP.

Sanitation services

Since 2016 the Municipality has successfully completed **10 sanitation infrastructure projects** at a total cost of R76.016 million.

The largest sanitation projects undertaken during the period were the upgrade of the Stanford Waste Water Treatment Works, the upgrade of the Bientang Sewerage Pump Station in Hermanus, the upgrade of the Kidbrooke sewer pipeline in Hermanus and the construction of two new pump stations, the extension of the sewer networks in Kleinmond, Stanford and Gansbaai, and the upgrade of sections of the main outfall sewer to the Kleinmond Waste Water Treatment Works.



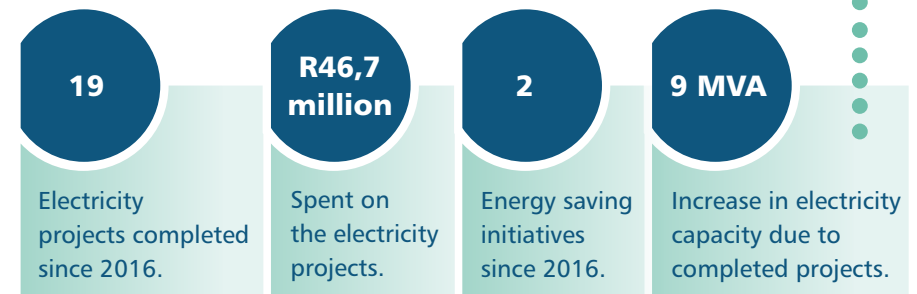
Stanford WWTW upgraded



Kidbrooke Bosplaspie pump station commissioning

Electricity supply

Overstrand Municipality is responsible for electricity distribution and reticulation in the Greater Hermanus area, Hawston, Greater Gansbaai area, Kleinmond and Stanford. All other areas are supplied by Eskom.



L – R: New high mast light Zwelihle, Greater Hermanus electricity upgrade

Various **upgrading and replacement projects** have been completed for the Greater Hermanus, Hawston, Kleinmond, Stanford and Greater Gansbaai areas between 1 July 2016 and 31 December 2020. These projects entailed the upgrading and/or replacement of aged infrastructure and the increasing of capacity for current and future developments.

Various housing projects have seen almost 2 474 households receive access to basic electrical services over the past few years.

Overstrand has also taken the initiative to replace various old streetlight installations with LED lighting and to provide streetlights in areas which did not have any.

Planning is currently underway for a new 66/11kV substation to be built in the Birkenhead area, Greater Gansbaai. The project is estimated to be completed in 2022.

Waste management

Between 2011 - 2018, Overstrand was regarded as being on the forefront of waste recovery in South Africa, by means of source separation and separate collection. To this end the Overstrand Municipality won the waste section of the Provincial Greenest Municipality 6 times from 2009 to 2017. (Note that there was no competition in 2018 and it was stopped in 2019).

A temporary setback was experienced in 2018 with the destruction of the recycling facility in Hermanus due to civil unrest.

During 2019/2020 various options were investigated for a new Materials Recovery Facility, Transfer Station and chipping area. The Hermanus Waste Water Treatment Works site was identified as the best available option, and the planning approvals and public consultation process followed.

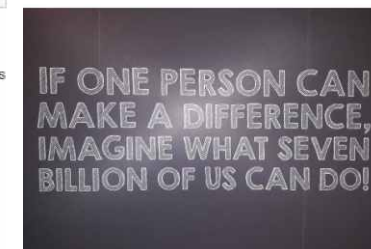


Kleinmond transfer station repaired

The contract was awarded in June 2020 and construction started in the second part of 2020. The project will be completed by the end of June 2021.

The Materials Recovery Facility is to start operating in the second half of 2021.

Waste awareness campaigns since 2016:



The **“rethink a bag” awareness campaign / road show** amongst municipal employees, combined with the handing out of a reusable shopping bag, was the single biggest campaign during this period.

A 3 year contract was awarded for puppet shows at schools, with waste and recycling as one of the main themes.

Regular statements were issued in the printed media, social media, and municipal newsletters, informing residents of waste issues.



6 527

Learners reached with the puppet show for recycling up to 2019.

Unfortunately with the COVID-19 challenges experienced especially at schools in 2020, no show was possible during 2020.



Story team –
Environmental
Puppet theatre

Municipal roads

The Municipality is responsible for the **local municipal roads** with a total length of 609 km (431 km surfaced and 178 km gravel). On average municipal roads are in a good to very good condition.

Total kilometres of roads resealed

2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
135 298 m ²	112 932 m ²	112 982 m ²	104 952 m ²

Spending on road reseal programme

2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2018/19	2019/20
R 21 703 244	R 21 947 333	R 22 658 987	R 22 658 987	R 22 912 800

The road network of the Overstrand Municipality is managed in large by utilising the Pavement Management System (PMS), the latest version being the 2019 detailed visual assessment, as well as the Integrated Roads Asset Management System (i-RAMS). Priority lists of required maintenance generated by the systems above are used in conjunction with a panel consisting of the consulting engineers as well as municipal officials to complete the final priorities for the available budget and year.



11 km's New roads constructed since 2016.

R60,6 million Spent on road construction projects since 2016 (rehabilitation included).

Two largest road construction projects completed since 2016 were:

Rehabilitation of existing paved roads in Zwelihle (Phase 2)

The project comprised of the upgrading of existing gravel and paved brick roads in Zwelihle. These roads were constructed pre-1994 and have reached its lifespan of 20 years. The roads were in a poor condition and had no sidewalks. The existing storm water system was insufficient and required upgrading. The roads were upgraded to 4.5m wide, with asphalt surfacing and new 1.5m wide sidewalks. New storm water infrastructure to eliminate storm water related problems, were installed. The total project cost for phase 2 was R 8 236 993.



Rehabilitation of existing paved roads, Zwelihle, Hermanus

Construction of Hawston Housing Project Bus Route & Construction of sidewalks to extend the existing public transport facilities and to provide public transport service closer to the housing development as well as to improve the mobility along the R43. The sidewalks aim to provide sufficient capacity for pedestrian traffic

and safety and to improve the pedestrians' access to the public road transport network. The total cost was R 7 948 752. (Roads- R 6 240 000, Sidewalks- R 1 708 752).



Hawston Housing project bus route

Other road service delivery successes were:



Ward specific projects

The council approved funding to the amount of R500,000 per Ward for the past four financial years. Funding is used to support projects recommended via local Ward committees after consultation with local communities and affected departments within the Municipality Administration through the annual Integrated Development Plan (IDP) process. The projects must mainly relate to development and upgrading of infrastructure namely play parks, building of sidewalks, tarring of roads, traffic calming, etc.



FOCUS AREA 3 OPTIMISATION OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES



Financial position

Overstrand Municipality's financial position was sound and stable at the end of December 2020 and performance from a budgetary implementation and financial management perspective is on track.

Aforementioned position is even more closely guarded and preserved in view of the country facing two major phenomena, firstly, the financial impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on municipalities, and secondly, the impact of the downgrade on South Africa's credit rating. As a result of the crisis, municipalities are under pressure to provide certain services to assist in curbing the spread of this virus.

Regardless of the above, impacting on the debtors' level with an increasing trend towards June 2020, this area was stabilised again, resulting in the municipality's positive cash flow remaining stable and in line with budgeted performance.

Collection rate



Supply Chain Management (SCM) Awards in excess of R30 000:

YEAR	NO. of TENDERS	VALUE of TENDERS	NO. of FORMAL QUOTATIONS	VALUE of FORMAL QUOTATIONS
2017/18	37	R 149,254,542	20	R 1,974,000
2018/19	32	R 1,612,301,524	30	R 3,110,797
2019/20	36	R 183,757,953	17	R 1,611,594

Contract Management



544

Contractors benefitted from tenders since 1 July 2016.

Financial project successes

The municipality has embarked on a journey in 2016 with the approval of the **Special Rating Areas** Policy and the Special Rating Area By-law, paving the way for local communities to consider supplementary municipal services and establish special rating areas (SRA's). The council approved three (3) SRA's up to date.

The achievement of another milestone has reached its final stage: All municipalities and municipal entities had to comply with the **municipal Standard Chart of Account (mSCOA) Regulations** by 1 July 2017. Nominated as a pilot site by national treasury, Overstrand Municipality already implemented the chart on 1 July 2015. The chart directs how municipalities must undertake annual budget preparations in accordance with the budget and as part of the national financial reform agenda, it will be ensuring that municipal budgets are funded, revenue management is optimised, assets are managed efficiently, supply chain management processes are adhered to by all municipalities.



The municipality received **clean audits** for the last **8** consecutive financial years.

In order to maintain and improve on these outcomes, the Finance Directorate was responsible for the development and implementation and management of an audit action plan, one of the prominent measures in order to identify, implement and actively monitor the root causes of all audit findings reported by the Auditor-General at the management report level, with the goal of achieving effective corporate governance through accountability.

FOCUS AREA 4

SAFE AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT



Legal services successes

Resolution of the dispute related to the powers and functions pertaining to the management of problem baboons.

The Municipality faced serious problems in dealing with problem baboons within its jurisdiction over many years, specifically within the context of the fact that as organ of state it did not have the power to control and manage these problem animals.

The Directorate: Management Services, through its Legal Services Department, played an active role to argue the legal position that the only legal recourse is to reach agreement on the constitutional mandate the Provincial Government and the Municipality has with regard to baboon management. With this in mind the Municipality, CapeNature, and the DEA signed a Compactum to further the mutual obligations to work cooperatively under the provisions of Chapter 4 of the Intergovernmental Relations Framework Act, 2015.

The concluding outcome of this cooperative approach was outlined through the **constitutional assignment of the powers to manage and control problem baboons** to the Municipality through a majority vote by the Provincial cabinet.

The aforementioned is testament of how cooperative governance should work.

The establishment of an Additional Court, Hermanus



The Additional Court emphasised that Overstrand Municipality is a working government for the people. This was outlined by the fact that by-laws were not merely adopted and promulgated, but enforced. This ensured that the Municipality fulfilled its constitutional duty with regard to public safety. Staffing at the Additional Court currently consists of a Court Prosecutor, a Court Supervisor, two Clerks of the Court, and a Cashier. The yearly stats provided to senior management is testament that the Additional Court is a sustainable initiative and a benchmark which emphasises the Municipality's ethos as a centre of excellence.

Fire and Disaster Management and Security Services

Response during COVID-19 pandemic

Fire and Disaster Management and Security Services are coordinating the COVID-19 initiatives in collaboration with the other departments. The aim is to educate, enforce and tend the vulnerable (homeless) inhabitants of the Overstrand jurisdiction. Disaster Management attends weekly District JOC (Joint Operation Centre) meetings and submits reports which are used towards the Cabinet reports on the initiatives of Overstrand Municipality.

Fire & Rescue personnel assist with the proactive disinfection and reactive decontamination of municipal properties and sites identified by the Department of Health. The disinfection and decontamination will continue to be part of the daily functions and duties of our Firefighters.



Daily disinfection of taxi ranks and informal settlements, Covid-19



59 Soup/food kitchens operated across the municipality's jurisdiction during the national COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

1 767 288 People benefitted from this food relief during Covid-19 pandemic until September 2020.

Overstrand Municipality started **assisting soup kitchens** across its jurisdiction with the delivery of ingredients as early as April 2020. The database of soup kitchens quickly increased to 55 registered kitchens on the municipal database. Only registered kitchens were supplied with ingredients. Other soup kitchens which existed, worked closely with local community organisations. The last soup kitchen closed at the end of September 2020, therefore the municipality assisted with food relief over a period of 5 months.



Soup kitchens during Covid-19, 2020

Fire and disaster management



2 612 Fires attended to since 2016.

45 Fatalities since 2016.

1 Fire station upgraded. *

* Only Hermanus Fire Station was upgraded since 2016, with the construction of the new bay commencing in October / November 2019. The project will be completed in three phases, with the second phase due to be completed by 30 June 2021.



New vehicle, Gansbaai Fire station



Phase 1- Hermanus Fire station upgrade

Fire and Disaster Management accolades

- Overstrand Fire & Rescue received the Rosenbauer Excellent Service award for the second consecutive year in 2017 (the first award was received in 2015).
- During the Knysna Fire (2017), our staff assisted with active firefighting and also assisting in the JOC (Joint Operations Centre).
- Our firefighters are in high demand because of knowledge and skills gained as a result of the peat fire - Garden Route District Municipality recently requested assistance for a similar fire in their area.

Traffic Services

Traffic Operations:

From 2016 – 2020 the Overstrand was hampered with unexpected/scheduled load shedding on a continuous basis, which affected traffic flow and caused traffic to back up during peak times at robot intersections. The traffic operational department, inclusive of our EPWP staff, played a fundamental role in ensuring free flow of traffic during these periods. Officers did point duty irrespective of weather conditions for up to two hours. Through this commitment we did not experience any blocked intersections, backup traffic or accidents.

Traffic Administration:

Since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic on 26 March 2020 to date, the Traffic Administration Department was challenged with a huge backlog, from Driving Licences to Motor Vehicle registrations.

Drastic measures were put in place in order to ensure continuous service delivery to our community. This department, with limited staff, still managed to render an efficient and effective service to our community, handling between 4 000 – 5500 transactions on a weekly basis, of which between 1500 – 2000 EFT payments were concluded on a weekly basis.

Success could not have been achieved without the support of our EPWP staff members who are trained to render professional services to our clients. Through dedication and commitment, this department managed to bring the backlog up to date with sound internal strategies which were put in place.

Protection Services project successes

CCTV camera project

Five cameras have been installed to date. The cameras contribute to a safer environment to the communities and have also aided in locating missing persons. Video footage has also assisted SAPS with crimes that were committed.



CCTV camera pilot project

L- Camera, R- Monitors

K9 unit established

The purpose of K9, as aligned with the Western Cape Government Safety Plan, is to increase wellness, safety and reducing social ills within the communities of Overstrand, by adding a functional dog unit within the municipality. The unit benefits the Overstrand community in the prevention and reduction of crime and public safety challenges, such as:

- Narcotics
- Poaching of marine resources
- Trade and transportation of illicit & illegal substances.



Anti-poaching operation, K9 unit

Environmental management

Alien Clearing

Invasive Alien Management is critical for the sustainability of our biodiversity. These plants aggressively take over our indigenous vegetation, changing the landscape, reducing water runoff, and increasing the fire hazard in our areas. The rapid growth, combined with high seed production and lack of natural enemies of these plants make the removal of them a continuous, challenging and expensive task.

An estimated 170 Ha of land was cleared once and followed up 4 times since 2016. A total of R 530 000 was spent.

Pringle Bay and Betty's Bay Dunes

Urban development has impacted on the ecological functioning of the dune systems in Pringle Bay and Betty's Bay by preventing seaward return movement of the sand and capturing it along roads and houses. Ongoing challenges associated with managing the landward influx of windblown sand from the beach and dunes onto the urban edge, have been experienced in these areas over a very long period of time. The advancing wind-blown sand was slowly but surely impinging on, and threatening with inundation, the houses located along the urban edge, including the access roads, municipal ablution facilities, car parks and adjacent back-dune wetlands.

To resolve the situation the Ratepayers Association, in partnership with the Overstrand Municipality, appointed a consultant to develop Maintenance Management Plans (MMP's) for the beach and the fore-dune system at Betty's Bay and Pringle Bay.

Although the project is still in its infant stage and only the first stages of the MMP's are currently being implemented, the activities are already showing a stabilisation of dune movement and build-up of environmental integrity in the system. Due to budget constraints the bulk of these plans have not been implemented yet.



L – R: Betty's Bay and Pringle Bay dunes re-vegetated and stabilised

The Coastal Management Directorate from the Provincial Department of Environmental Affairs indicated that they would like to use these dune maintenance plans as a demonstration project and due to the current success of the project, the MMP's can be used and implemented in other areas.

Climate change (CC) – Mitigation, Adaptation and Resilience

Our Overstrand Wetlands:

Wetlands are a critical part of our natural environment. They protect our shores from wave action, reduce the impacts of floods, absorb pollutants, and improve water quality. They provide habitat for animals and plants and many contain a wide diversity of life, supporting plants and animals not found anywhere else.

35% of the world's wetlands have been lost since 1970, that is why we need to work together to conserve and restore these amazing ecosystems, which help us prepare for, cope with and bounce back from the impacts of climate change.

The Environmental Section raises awareness of wetland values and benefits through coordinating regular community clean-ups on environmental calendar days, social media posts and Story Team's educational puppet shows on environmental subjects at primary schools in the Overstrand.



Onrus River Peat Wetland

A subsurface fire along a section of the Onrus River was burning since 11 January 2019. At the time the Overstrand Fire Department advised that they were unable to extinguish this fire with the use of conventional firefighting methods and requested the Environmental Department to investigate. The Environmental Department identified the fire as a peat fire or peat wetland with a subsurface fire.

The subsurface fire, smouldering in the dry, desiccated channels of peat wetland was a huge threat to surrounding farms and ecological infrastructure and if not contained it could have disastrous impacts on the affected environment. Specialists from the

Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) confirmed that this was the first recorded incident of this type in the Western Cape, and only the second in the country, with an area in Knysna being the first.

Through collaboration between various experts and a Working on Fire team working relentlessly in dangerous and hot conditions for 53 days, the subsurface fire was extinguished using the unique SPIKE TOOL that was developed by Mr Martin Bolton to extinguish similar fires in Indonesia.

The subsurface fire was extinguished, and the peat wetlands saved.



Working on Fire team busy with the subsurface fire at Onrus wetland

The subsurface peat wetland fire was a first for Hermanus and the SPIKE TOOL implementation a first for South Africa.

National Wetland Awards 2020: Stewardship category

Ms Liezl de Villiers, Senior Manager: Environmental Department, won the award for the pivotal collaboration role she played with all the relevant stakeholders during the Onrus River Peat Fire.



Paddavlei Wetland

The Paddavlei is an iconic wetland in Hawston and a focal point for the community. The Overstrand Municipality joined up with the Paddavlei Environmental Group (PEG) to regularly work with the Hawston Community and other government departments and NGO's to re-establish the Paddavlei as the jewel of the town.

Clean-up and awareness raising events were held on environmental calendar days in Hawston in 2017, 2018 and 2019. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 our event for 2020 had to be cancelled.

The Environmental Section also, with inputs from the PEG, followed a successful tender process in 2019 to appoint a service provider who compiled a maintenance and rehabilitation plan for the Paddavlei Wetland. This plan was approved by Provincial Department of Environmental Affairs & Development Planning (DEA&DP) in March 2021 and implementation can now start to restore the Paddavlei wetland into a sustainable wetland for man and nature.

Energy Efficiency within municipal operations

Overstrand Municipality has taken the first step towards improvement of energy efficiency in municipal buildings. During 2019 energy audits were conducted by the environmental section on all municipal facilities and offices across the Overstrand. Improving energy efficiency in buildings is the most efficient and cost-effective way to tackle the challenges of global climate change, air pollution and high energy prices.

The Electrical Department has also started retrofitting LED lights in some of the areas in the Overstrand.

After 5 years, negotiations between the Municipality, Province and CapeNature, a qualified Constitutional functional assignment was granted, only for the purpose of the control and management of the baboons in the Overstrand Municipality.

The main objective of the Strategic Baboon Management Plan (SBMP) is **TO KEEP BABOONS OUT OF TOWN.**

Other accolades:

The Greenest Municipality Competition is aimed at motivating and inspiring municipalities to address environmental issues in their regions. For the competition Municipalities are evaluated in various categories, including waste management, biodiversity management, air quality management, etc.

The Environmental Section won the award for biodiversity management in 2017 and 2019.

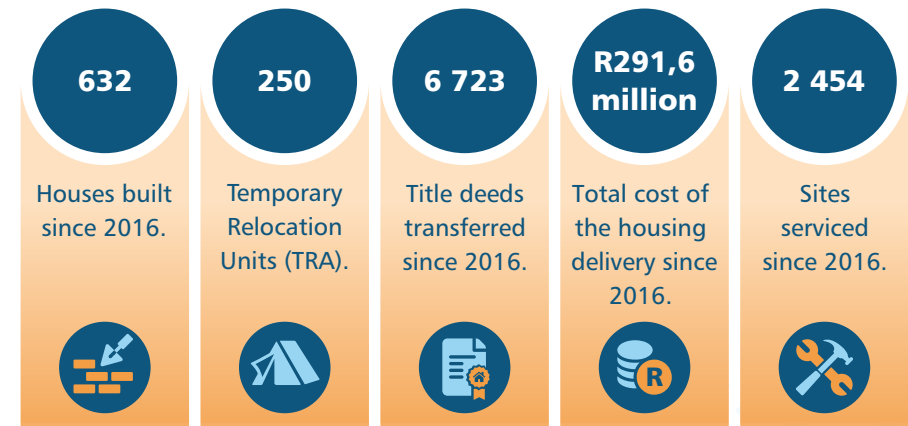


Overstrand Municipality baboon signage

SOCIAL UPLIFTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Overstrand Municipality promotes the development of integrated and sustainable human settlements with access to social and economic opportunities for all its citizens. To plan and develop integrated and sustainable human settlements, a definite strategy is needed in the approach to housing. The Municipality has therefore compiled a comprehensive 5-Year Human Settlement Strategy and programme guide/pipeline to improve integrated human settlement development and delivery within the municipality. Housing Delivery is therefore done in accordance with this 5-Year Programme, which is updated annually.



Admin Site, Zwelihle Hermanus



Hawston Housing

SOCIAL AMENITIES

Blue flag beaches

Three bathing beaches were once more awarded International Blue Flag beach status, namely Kleinmond, Hawston and Grotto. Castle Beach in Pearly Beach and Onrus Beach were awarded Blue Flag Pilot status in 2018/19 and 2019/20 respectively.

In 2020, Grotto beach celebrated a remarkable 20 consecutive years on the programme - one of only two beaches in South Africa - whilst Hawston and Kleinmond Beaches have both enjoyed Blue Flag status for 15 years. Castle Beach will now be flying its flag as a full status Blue Flag Beach for the second successive year.



Libraries

Overstrand Municipality has **8 public libraries and 2 satellite libraries**. All Overstrand communities have access to library facilities. The administration successfully recovered all the books (nine thousand) in Zwelihle library before the building was destroyed in a fire during the civil unrest in 2018.

Kleinmond Library was extended and upgraded to provide a children's corner, a research section, an activity room as well as a committee room. Access to computer based research facilities benefits both old and young.

Hawston Library was extended and upgraded to provide a new Children's Section, IT section, new Issue Desk, reference and study collection.

Gansbaai Library was upgraded to provide a fully equipped children's section.

Eluxolweni satellite library (Pearly Beach) was upgraded. The floor space was increased by more than 300%. The library now brings upmarket library services (including electronic media) closer to the residents of both Eluxolweni and Pearly Beach. Library members (including scholars and students) who were forced in the past to drive a distance of more than 25 km to Gansbaai, now have these important facilities on their doorstep.



L – R : Gansbaai and Eluxolweni libraries upgraded

Graveyards capacity

The Municipality prepared the land of the Overstrand Regional Cemetery, at Karwyderskraal, with basic infrastructure in 2019/2020 to be utilised for possible mass burials due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 1920 burial sites were prepared at the Overstrand Regional Cemetery at Karwyderskraal. To date no burials took place at this cemetery.

820 burial sites were developed at the Palmiet graveyard in Kleinmond in February 2021. The graveyard was closed in the past due to a challenge with a high-water table in the area. Burials at the particular graveyard can commence from April 2021.

Municipal sporting facilities



Club level high mast lights were installed in Hawston and Zwelihle Sports fields in 2017. The project cost about R1,6 million of which R1 million was funded by Lotto and the rest by the municipality. The upgrading of Hawston Sports Ground phase 1&2 was completed and handed over on 25 February 2021. The project was funded by both Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) and the National Department of Sports and Recreation of South Africa (SRSA).

The installation of high mast lights to the value of R1,2 million at Mt Pleasant Sports Ground is currently underway and will be completed in June 2021.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Early Childhood Development Centres

The upgrade and development of Early Childhood Development Centre's (ECD's) were made possible through public private partnerships.



ECD Partnership with private sector, Extension of the Seesterretjies ECD in Buffeljachtsbaai, Gansbaai

In 2016 a new ECD centre was opened in Zwelihle, Hermanus. Yomelelani pre-school used to operate from a small portion of a much larger building known as the Hou Moed Centre. Discussions started in 2013 and through the cooperation of the municipality and a local business (Aquinion) the Hou Moed Centre was completely revamped and transformed into the largest ECD facility in Zwelihle.

The completed facility was registered to **accommodate 135 children**. The ECD is still going strong and is sustainable, offering excellent services at a very affordable price and is a model for other ECD's in the region.



L – R – Yomelelani Creche before and after

Afterschool programme

JustCare Afterschool programme was started in partnership with the Overstrand Municipality and Mount Pleasant Primary School in 2015. Initially they operated from Mount Pleasant Primary school but as they grew, they realised that they need to find their own special place.

In 2017 they opened their own centre, not far from the primary school, on municipal land which they lease. The facility is registered to **accommodate 120 children**. They are open from 1pm to 5pm every school day, children are provided with two meals daily. They also provide the children with opportunities to participate in sport, life skills development and assistance and overseeing of homework. They provide a stimulating

and safe environment with balanced extracurricular activities to stimulate, educate, develop and most importantly, to improve the value and quality of life of these children.



JustCare Afterschool programme, Mount Pleasant

Junior Town Council

During the period **175 learners** went through our Junior Town Council project which focuses on leadership development and community involvement.

Grant in Aid programme

Through our Grants-in-Aid Policy a total of R1,2 million was distributed to Non-Profit Organisations (NGO's) in the Overstrand.

Building plans and town planning applications



8 443 Building plans approved since 1 July 2016.

R 6 577 billion Estimated R-value of approved building plans.

1 071 Town planning applications finalised since 1 July 2016.

THREE LARGEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MUNICIPAL AREA SINCE 1 JULY 2016

1. ONCOLOGY HOSPITAL

The oncology unit was established in 2016. The income generated was to the amount of R232 698 in building plan fees. Income generated as part of the planning process amounts to ±R31 425 (Section 30(2) certificates and planning fees). The total investment to establish the oncology was ±R260 078. The estimated value of the oncology building is R42,2 million. Total investment, including equipment, is estimated at more than R100 million.

2. HERMANUS SPORTS FACILITY

The facility is an ongoing process and an amount of ±R7 613 660 has been spent for the relocation of the tennis courts and building of squash and netball courts. The total value of assets, as at the end of May 2019, was R25 482 985.96, of which donations towards the project as at end May 2019 is R15 795 801.96. A gym is in the process of being built and the value is estimated at ±R12,7 million.

3. HERMANUS CBD REGENERATION

The Central Business District (CBD) Regeneration is an on-going process and an amount of ±R7,8 million was spent on service upgrading, and redevelopment of High Street. High Street is made pedestrian friendly with resurfacing, new signage and street furniture.

LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Expanded Public Works Programme

The Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) is a South African Government initiated programme aimed at creating work opportunities. The Programme is implemented by all spheres of government, across four (4) defined sectors, namely the Infrastructure,

Social, Non-State and Environment and Culture sectors.

It is also one of the significant methods to reduce levels of poverty and unemployment in the Country.

It is done through:

- Giving the unemployed access to temporary work.
- Helping unemployed people through skills programmes and work experience.
- Ensuring that unemployed people receive an allowance for work they have completed as part of the EPWP.
- Enhancing EPWP participants' chances of finding jobs, or starting their own businesses.



223 EPWP projects implemented since 1 July 2016.

4 534 Temporary job opportunities created since 1 July 2016.

Overstrand Municipality is **one of the best performing municipalities with EPWP implementation** within the Western Cape Province and is the leading municipality within the Overberg District.



EPWP project



EPWP Sea shell tree project



Special day care assistants at Ithemba employed through EPWP

SMME support

Support provided to Small Medium and Micro Enterprises varies by sector and industry. Since 2016 SMME's received support in the form of training, information sessions, funding fairs, linkages, compliances, company profiling, resource leveraging, etc. Through the support provided, some SMME's growth has been slow and some grew faster than anticipated.

Below are the two notable successes:



600 Assisted in formalisation of business and regulatory environment.
Retail SMME's

160 Assisted on how to do business with the Government (Compliance and legislative matters).
Construction SMME's

Sub-Contracting environment and Local labour promotion programme.

Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB): Many of these organisations progressed from 0 CIDB grading to 1-3 Grading, meaning that they are able to do work valued from R 400 000 – R 2 million, participating in Enterprise Development.

467 Service Providers on the Municipal database: A gradual increase in the number of Service Providers who are able to do business with the Municipality by Formal Quotations: R30 000 – R200 000 and Tenders R200 000 – R9 Million.

Tourism

In 2019 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) designated Overstrand the **first African Creative City of Gastronomy**. This shows the importance of wine and food tourism and its economic benefits to the Overstrand.

Events

The Overstrand has an annual events calendar with more than 50 events in the region.

Celebrating the spirit of adventure

- Absa Cape Epic 2017, 2019 annual mountain bike stage race held in the Western Cape and accredited as hors categorie (beyond categorisation) by the Union Cycliste Internationale. The race typically covers more than 700 kilometres and lasts eight days, attracting elite professional mountain bikers from around the world, who compete in teams of two. A total of 650 teams took part. Hermanus won the riders' choice stage destination award of this most televised mountain bike race in the world.
- Race2Stanford Triathlon 2018, 2019. Brutally beautiful half iron distance triathlon from Hermanus to Stanford. Swim - 1.9km | cycle - 90km | run - 21km
- Walkerbay Xtreme multi day outdoor sport event 2017, 2018, 2019
- Nissan Trailseeker Series 2019
- Hemel-en-Aarde Marathon 2019 Only qualifying Overberg marathon for the Comrades and Two Ocean Marathon.



Absa Cape Epic 2017 and 2019



Race2Stanford Triathlon

River Festival

Marine Big Five

Cape Whale Coast is known for its Marine Big Five – whales, sharks, dolphins, seals and penguins. The Southern Right Whales visit our shores between June and November annually. This results in an increase in visitors to the region.

The Telegraph rate Hermanus as the best land-based whale watching in the world in 2019.

Art

Hermanus FynArts Festival was introduced in 2012 and has developed into a highlight on the calendars of art lovers and the South African Arts calendar. Sculptures on the cliff tops in Hermanus evoke memories, images and emotions. The educational component of Hermanus FynArts reaches hundreds of school children every year.

Hermanus First Friday ArtWalk collaboration between art galleries.

There are 40 published authors residing in Overstrand.



Sculptures, Hermanus FynArts Festival

Wine

The Overstrand has 3 wine routes: Hermanus, which includes Hemel-en-Aarde, Stanford and Gansbaai, which is covered by the Agulhas Wine Triangle.

Hermanus (Hemel-en-Aarde Valley) wine route established as the fourth most popular wine route in South Africa.

Creation Wines in Hemel-en-Aarde celebrated its place among the 50 top wineries selected at the inaugural 2019 World's Best Vineyards (WBV) awards. Over 1 500 nominated wineries from a total of 17 countries were represented and the winners were chosen by a prestigious international voting academy.



Sustainable Tourism Awards

Responsible tourism is tourism that creates better places for people to live in, and better places to visit.

A responsible tourism approach aims to achieve the triple-bottom line outcomes of sustainable development, i.e. economic growth, environmental integrity and social justice.

There are several businesses who stand out in their approach to upholding sustainable tourism principles.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



Hermanus

- 1 Hermanus Sport complex.
- 2 CBD regeneration programme.
- 3 Electricity upgrades.
- 4 Storm water upgrades in Main road and Industrial area.
- 5 Development of new waste material recovery facility in process.

Sandbaai, Onrus, Vermont

- 1 Streets tarred, sidewalks, streetlights, beautification and VOS coastal path in Sandbaai.
- 2 Whale Coast Mall in Sandbaai (private sector)
- 3 De Zand housing development in Sandbaai approved (private sector).
- 4 Atlantic Drive construction and upgrading of sidewalks and streetlights in Onrus/Vermont.
- 5 Cycle lane in Onrus Main road completed, ablution facilities at Onrus beach and upgrading of Kidbrooke pipeline in process.

Hawston, Fisherhaven

- 1 270 houses handed over in the Hawston low cost housing project as well as upgrading of bulk water and storm water and electricity.
- 2 Upgrading of Hawston sport complex.
- 3 Fencing of Thusong Centre and Hawston camping site.
- 4 Storm water and streetlights in Fisherhaven.

Zwelihle

- 1 Rehabilitation of existing tar roads, electrification of low cost housing areas, upgrading of play parks, sidewalks and speed humps.
- 2 Low cost housing projects at Mandela Square (83 serviced sites with wetcores – a toilet and tap), and Site C2 (132 houses).
- 3 Busy with upgrading of storm water and sewerage network.

Hangklip-Kleinmond

- 1 Kleinmond – library upgraded, electricity upgraded, and sewerage network extended.
- 2 New reservoir for Pringle Bay and paving of streets in Rooi Els.
- 3 Busy with storm water upgrading in Overhills, Betty's Bay and Pringle Bay.
- 4 Overhills soccer field upgraded with new facilities and community hall upgraded.

Stanford

- 1 Sewer network and waste water treatment network upgraded.
- 2 783 serviced sites for low cost housing project.
- 3 Roads rehabilitated, De Bruyn Street tarred and a water stabilisation plant completed.



Gansbaai

- 1 CBD sewer network upgraded and tarring of road to the solid waste transfer facility in process.
- 2 Blompark 544 serviced sites and Beverley Hills 100 serviced sites, with a wet core, for low cost housing projects.
- 3 Franskraal, Kleinbaai & Birkenhead: mini-substation upgrading (electricity).
- 4 Masakhane: busy with new 4ML reservoir, storm water drainage upgrading, Area B, 254 serviced sites and Area A, 201 serviced sites (Phase 1) for low cost housing projects.
- 3 Upgrading of Franskraal-Kleinbaai-Gansbaai water pipelines.

Buffeljagsbaai and Eluxolweni

- 1 Buffeljagsbaai creche upgraded in collaboration with private sector, public launching site upgraded, dust control on low-volume gravel roads.
- 2 Eluxolweni library upgraded and Wheelie bins provided.

Pearly Beach

- 1 Upgrading of Castle Beach facilities.
- 2 Dust control on low-volume gravel roads, traffic calming.

Baardskeerdersbos

- 1 Strandveld Street tarred, storm water (ad-hoc).





KNOW YOUR COUNCIL 2020/21 Executive Mayor and Committee

DA 16 | ANC 7 | EFF 1 | LP 1



In terms of Overstrand Municipality's Third Establishment Amendment Notice of 28 May 2003, Overstrand is a municipality with a mayoral executive system combined with a ward participatory system.

At its inaugural meeting, Council elects an Executive Mayor and an Executive Deputy Mayor. Legislation allows the Overstrand Executive Mayor to appoint a Mayoral Committee of five members, of which one normally is the Executive Deputy Mayor. Each of the members heads a Portfolio Committee, consisting of members of all political parties in Council.

In Overstrand these committees are in line with the administrative directorates, namely: Infrastructure and Planning, Finance, Economic and Social Development and Tourism, Community Services, Protection Services and Management Services. The Executive Mayor, members of the Mayoral Committee and the Speaker are full-time councillors.



Executive Mayor: Ald Dudley Coetzee

At its inaugural meeting, Council resolved that all powers not reserved by law for the council and with the exception of those vested in officials must be delegated to the Executive Mayor who receive reports from Council's committees and consider them at a meeting of the Mayoral Committee, which is open to the public. He also plays a leading role in the compilation and implementation of the integrated Development Plan, the Municipal Budget, the Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan, performance management, community participation in council affairs and corporate communication services and performs ceremonial duties. He reports to Council.



Executive Deputy Mayor and Mayoral Committee Member for Infrastructure and Planning:
Cllr Elnora Gillion

In addition to her duties as Deputy Mayor, she is also responsible for Infrastructure, Planning and Electrotechnical Services consisting of: Engineering Planning; Engineering Services; Environmental Management Services; Town & Spatial Planning; Property Administration; Building Control and GIS



Mayoral Committee Member for Protection Services:
Cllr Arnie Africa

Protection Services: Fire and Disaster Management; Traffic Services and Vehicle Licenses; Law Enforcement and Security



Mayoral Committee Member for Economic and Social Development and Tourism: Ald Kari Brice

This member is responsible for: Economic and Social Development & Tourism and Whale Coast Marketing



Mayoral Committee Member for Finance:
Ald Riana de Coning

This member is responsible for: Finance, consisting of Income; Expenditure and Assets; Supply Chain Management; Control; Accounting Services & Systems and Data Budgeting Services



Mayoral Committee Member for Community Services: Cllr Grant Cohen

This member is responsible for: Area Management and Operational; Housing Services in Hermanus, Gansbaai; Corporate Projects; Stanford and Hangklip-Kleinmond; Sport and Culture



Mayoral Committee Member for Management Services: Cllr Andrew Komani

This member is responsible for: Human Resources; Strategic Services; Information Technology; Legal Services; Corporate Communication Services; Council Support Services, Records and Archives.



Ward 1
Cllr Xolani Msweli (ANC)



Ward 2
Ald Riana de Coning (DA)



Ward 3
Ald Kari Brice (DA)



Ward 4
Ald Anton Coetsee (DA)



Ward 5
Cllr Valerie Pungupungu (ANC)



Ward 6
Cllr Michelle Sapepa (ANC)



Ward 7
Cllr David Botha (DA)



Ward 8
Cllr Elnora Gillion (DA)



Ward 9
Cllr Grant Cohen (DA)



Ward 10
Cllr Fanie Krige (DA)



Ward 11
Ald Dudley Coetzee (DA)



Ward 12
Cllr Michael Mhane (Land Party)



Ward 13
Cllr Jean Orban (DA)



Proportional
Cllr Andrew Komani (DA)



Proportional
Cllr Arnie Africa (DA)



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Cllr Ronald Nutt (DA)



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Cllr Siphiwo Kalolo (ANC)



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Cllr Connie Tafu-Nwonkwo (ANC)



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Cllr Simphiwe Tebele (ANC)



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Cllr Charmaine Resandt (DA)