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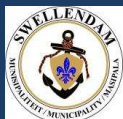
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Season's Greetings from the Executive Mayor



Executive Mayor, Ald Sakkie Franken

The year has sped by and with a shock one realizes: It is almost Christmas.

However, when we look back over the past year, many things have happened. Some of us have had additions to the family; others may have had to surrender loved ones to death.

The year had its good and less good times. Although some of us have achieved success in our professions or business and others may have failed, we are still grateful that we can once again celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. Christmas is a time of love, care, appreciation, gratitude, joy and also of giving.

We congratulate everyone on their academic achievements during the year and wish the matric class of 2022 good luck as they await their matric results.

To our visitors to the Overberg, a warm welcome and trust that you will enjoy your well deserved holiday, in this, the most beautiful part of our country. Cherish the time together with your family and friends.

To our highly motivated and totally committed men and women in emergency services, I salute you and your loved ones who continue to provide the much-needed support in the Overberg.

Die jaar het aangestap en met 'n skok besef 'n mens: Dit is amper Kersfees.

As ons egter terugkyk oor die afgelope jaar, het baie dinge gebeur. Sommige van ons het toevoegings tot die familie gehad; ander moes dalk geliefdes aan die dood oorgee.

Die jaar het sy goeie en minder goeie tye gehad. Alhoewel sommige van ons sukses in ons beroepe of besigheid behaal het en ander dalk misluk het, is ons steeds dankbaar dat ons weer die geboorte van die Christuskind kan vier. Kersfees is 'n tyd van liefde, omgee, waardering, dankbaarheid, vreugde en ook van gee.

Ons wens almal geluk met hul akademiese prestasies gedurende die jaar en wens die matriekklas van 2022 sterkte toe terwyl hulle op hul matriekuitslae wag.

Aan ons besoekers aan die Overberg, hartlik welkom en vertrou dat julle jul welverdiende vakansie sal geniet, in hierdie, die mooiste deel van ons land. Koester die tyd saam met jou familie en vriende.

Aan ons hoogs gemotiveerde en totaal toegewyde manne en vroue in nooddienste, salueer ek jou en jou geliefdes wat steeds die broodnodige ondersteuning in die Overberg bied.

Lonyaka uphele ngophanyazo sele kufike I holidze ze kilimesi.

Kananjalo, xasijonga emva kunyaka odlule, zininzi izinto ezenzekile. Thina ngabanye songezelelekile kumakhaya wethu, kwamanye amakhaya kuye kwafika ukufa athatha abantu esibathandayo.

Lo nyaka ubunento ezintle nezimbi. Kodwa Abanye Bethu Baye Bayifumana impumelelo ngokwasemisebenzini nakwezo shishino kodwa abanye kange babenayo impumelelo kodwa noba kunjalo sivuyela ukulufumana usuku ekwazalwa ngalo inkosi yethu uyesu krestu. ixesha lekilimesi lixehsa lothando nenkathalo nokunakekelana nombulelo novuyo kunye nokunikela.

Sivuyisana nabo bonke abathe baphumelela kwizifund zabo kulo nyaka sikwanqwenelela abenza izifundo zetshumi elinambini kunyaka 2022 sibanqwenelela ithamsanqa nanjengoba belinde iziphumo zabo.

Kuba vakashi kwelikomkhulu le Overberg sibamkela ngezandla ezishushu sikwathemba uba bazozonwabela intsuku zabo ze khefi, kobubuhle buyi ngxenye yezwe lethu.

Yonwabelani elixesha nezihlobo nabangani.

Kumadoda nabafazi bethu abazimiseleyo nabazinikele ngokupheleleyo kwiinkonzo zikaxakeka, ndinithulela umnqwazi kunye nabo ubathandayo abaqhubeka benikezela ngenkxaso efunekayo eOverberg.



COUNCIL 2021 – 2026

CORE VALUES

Caring:

A total belief in collective caring principles – “Ubuntu”.

Integrity:

Higher levels of courtesy and professionalism in the workplace; behaving in a manner that reflects ODMs commitment to honesty, trust, transparency and ethical business operations.

Commitment:

To the development of people; regular consultation with customers on the level and quality of services.

Transformation:

Transformational leadership - corporate transformation begins with a shift in the values and behaviours of leadership; corporations do not transform, people do.

Transparency:

In accounting for our actions; responsible spending and utilisation of municipal assets.

Excellence:

Setting quality standards for service delivery, measurement thereof to improve productivity and the discipline to take action to address the situation.

Honesty:

Contributes to a positive mind-set and facilitates morally acceptable behaviour.

Respect:

For our natural resources and celebrating diversity.

Following the 2021 Local Government Elections, in terms of section 29(2) of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act of 1998, the Overberg District Municipal Council for 2021-2026 was constituted on 6 December 2021.

Political Parties represented:



Ald Andries Franken
Executive Mayor
DA



Cllr Helen Coetzee
Deputy Executive Mayor
DA



Ald Lincoln de Bruyn
Speaker
DA



Cllr Frans Kees
DA



Ald Johan Nieuwoudt
DA



Cllr Steven Fourie
DA



Cllr Msa Nomatiti
DA



Cllr Theresa Els
DA



Cllr Roland Olivier
ANC



Cllr Ronald Brinkhuys
DA



Ald Ntombizine Sapepa
ANC



Cllr Archibald Klaas
DA



Ald Mbogeni Nomkoko
ANC



Cllr Petrus Stander
DA



Cllr Melanie Du Plessis
ANC



Cllr Yvonne van Tonder
DA



Cllr Mlamleli Mokotwana
ANC



Cllr Cuan Elgin
VF+



Cllr Bongiwé Mkhwibiso
ANC



Cllr Jacobus van Staden
VF+



Cllr Jennifer Mckenzie
GOOD



Cllr Martin Mathews
GOOD

VISION

Overberg – the opportunity gateway to Africa through sustainable services.

MISSION

To render sustainable, customer-directed services and to be the preferred Provider of Shared Services within the Overberg, by:
Promoting social and economic development; Utilising all available resources economically, efficiently and effectively; Ensuring the provision of optimal and quality services delivery; and Enhancing effective stakeholder relations

STRATEGIC GOALS

- SG 1:** To ensure the well-being of all in the Overberg through the provision of efficient basic services and infrastructure.
- SG 2:** To promote regional economic development by supporting initiatives in the District for the development of a sustainable district economy.
- SG 3:** To ensure municipal transformation and institutional development by creating a staff structure that would adhere to the principles of employment equity and promote skills development.
- SG 4:** To attain and maintain financial viability and sustainability by executing accounting services in accordance with National policy and guidelines.
- SG 5:** To ensure good governance practices by providing a democratic and pro-active accountable government and ensuring community participation through IGR structures.

MINISTER UNVEILS LATEST ANTI-GBV AND FEMICIDE BILLBOARD AT CALEDON POLICE STATION

As part of continued activism of no violence against women children, Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Patricia de Lille unveiled one of the latest anti-Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) billboards installed by the Department of Public works and Infrastructure (DPWI) at the Caledon Police Station in the Western Cape on Thursday, 15 December 2022.

During the joint sitting on the National Assembly regarding GBVF in September 2019, Minister de Lille made a commitment that the DPWI would allocate unoccupied state-owned properties for service delivery purpose, especially to provide shelter to victims of GBV. So far 14 state-owned properties have been handed over to provincial social development departments for use as shelters for victims of gender-based violence in the Western Cape, Gauteng, the Free State and Limpopo.

In September 2019, Minister de Lille also committed that DPWI would use state-owned properties to install anti-GBV messaging as a campaign to show government's solidarity with communities and families who have been affected by this scourge and to demonstrate government efforts in the fight against GBV and femicide.

To date more than 20 billboards have been installed at police stations in GBVF hot spot areas across the country. Caledon, Paarl, Bredasdorp and Laingsburg police stations are the latest police stations where the anti-GBVF billboards have been installed by DPWI.

Minister de Lille was joined by SAPS, ODM, TWK and local leaders at the unveiling, in demonstrating government's solidarity and commitment against the scourge of GBVF.



Minister Patricia de Lille (middle) cutting the ribbon during the unveiling of the new GBVF billboard at the Caledon Police Station. Alongside the Minister are Executive Mayor Sakkie Franken (ODM) and Executive Mayor Kallie Papier (TWK), Deputy Mayor John Michaels (TWK), and representatives from SAPS.

Enhancing Intergovernmental Relations to address issues together

The National Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Ms Patricia De Lille, conducted an oversight visit at the Overberg District Municipality on Wednesday, 17 August 2022.

The Minister attended a Joint District Metro Approach (JDMA) engagement together with Western Cape MEC for Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, Mr Anton Bredell, and various Local Government representatives.

The visit forms part of the Minister's role as the Overberg District Champion under the District Development Model. This initiative sees all spheres of government working

together to address issues collectively and implement projects in line with the DDM.

In her keynote address, Minister De Lille commended the JDMA process in the Overberg region, and highlighted the importance of communication between the 3 spheres of government.

She also emphasized gender-based violence, which she referred to as 'the second pandemic in South Africa'.

As part of the programme for the day, the Minister also visited the Bredasdorp Police Station, accompanied by Brigadier Heilbron, as well as the Bredasdorp Safe House,

Heavenly Promise 48, as part of the bigger safe house network.



Overberg Network of Safehouses: project to provide relief for GBV victims

The strategic intent of the 'Network of Safehouses' project, a catalytic Joint District Metro Approach (JDMA) initiative in the Overberg District, is to create a safety net whereby women and children can be moved safely and discreetly from one safehouse to another when needed for safety purposes. The safehouses will span across all local municipalities and will be interlinked once established.

The safehouses aim to assist and house women, children and vulnerable community members affected by social ills such as drug and alcohol abuse, gender-based violence (GBV) and poverty, and to provide them with a safe space to heal.

Due to the sensitive nature of cases, it is essential that the victims' identities remain confidential and for this purpose SAPS has committed to the safe transport of victims as well as additional safety measures around the facilities.

It is envisaged that the safehouses will be NGO-driven with a strong support from the respective municipalities, private sector and Government Departments.

The safehouse are at various stages of development and implementation.

Cape Agulhas

The Heavenly Promise48 Safehouse was established in 2015. The safehouse services women and children who are affected by domestic violence and drug and alcohol abuse.

A construction company built the safehouse as part of their corporate social responsibility and the safehouse has received donations from various businesses in the Bredasdorp area. During 2022 the safehouse underwent an expansion through the financial support of the local housing contractor.

Overstrand

The municipality is currently in the process of procuring a new house in Hermanus.

The municipality is also planning to deploy Gender Rights Champions (GRC) in each of their main administrative areas to focus on various awareness activities for vulnerable people in communities and to support victims of GBV, a model that will be used across the district.

Swellendam

The municipality is in the process of constructing a dedicated safehouse facility with the assistance of a local contractor. Construction of the services component are underway and envisaged to be done in 2023.

Theewaterskloof

The municipality has secured a municipal house that will be repurposed for the establishment of a dedicated and fully registered GBV Safehouse.

The Department of Social Development has committed to provide financial support for the registration of the facility and the appointment of an NGO towards the management of the safehouse.

Partnerships

Through the JDMA process, various crucial partnerships have been secured for the safehouses, which includes SAPS, who have pledged to provide a protection service that can transport women and children to and from the safehouses when needed; Department of Social Development to establish an outpatient care service for patients affected by substance abuse; Department of Health committed to provide support where required; as well as Department of Transport and Public Works, NPWI and SALGA.

The envisaged outcome of this project is to enhance human dignity, establishment of a safety net for victims, victim empowerment, reduction in the prevalence of GBV and to strengthen existing GBV programmes.

Bredasdorp safehouse secures partnership with SAB

The Bredasdorp Safehouse in partnership with the Overberg District Municipality and Cape Agulhas Municipality, hosted a handover event between themselves, The South African Breweries (SAB), SALGA and various other local and provincial departments on 12 December 2022.

The safehouse, established in 2015, is run by the NGO "Heavenly Promise48" who was appointed by the Cape Agulhas Municipality through a tender process. The purpose of the safehouse is to assist and house women and children affected by drug and alcohol abuse, GBV and other social ills.

The safehouse services, amongst others, women and children who are victims of abusive relationships, domestic violence, or who are substance dependent and/or suicidal, and who do not get support from family.

The safehouse secured a partnership with The South African Breweries, through the JDMA process.

Donations are crucial for the enhancement of the services provided at the safehouse and



From left: Mr Eben Phillips, CAM Municipal Manager; Ms Lana O'Neill, Safehouse Director; Ms Buhle Ngwenya, SALGA National; Cllr Aidan Stowman, SALGA WC Chairperson; Ms Heidi Bartis, Director at SAB; Mr Richard Bosman, ODM Municipal Manager; Cllr Helen Coetzee, ODM Deputy Mayor; and Ald Sakkie Franken, ODM Executive Mayor.

to improve the living conditions of the women and children residing at the safehouse.

"SAB is committed to assist safehouses to remain operational and to create a safe space for victims of GBV. Stats show that half of SA women experience abuse. It's a scary statistic and that's why we must ensure that we provide the best possible care to the victims," said Ms Heidi Bartis, Director at SAB.

SAB have donated much needed items such as beds and other furniture as part of their 'Responsible Communities' initiative, which will contribute greatly to the services rendered at the safehouse.

The Overberg District Municipality and the Cape Agulhas Municipality also provides continuous support to the Safehouse through donations and other initiatives.

New Caledon Fire Station officially opened

The unveiling of the new R5 million Fire Station in Caledon is a major milestone that will improve fighters' ability to serve the communities of Theewaterskloof and the Overberg region.

A dream, five years in the making, finally became a reality following the launch of a new fire station in Caledon which took place on Friday, 11 November 2022. The event was attended by various stakeholders from government and the private sector.

Western Cape Local Government MEC Minister Anton Bredell, together with the Executive Mayor of the Overberg District Municipality, Alderman Andries Franken, the Executive Mayor of Theewaterskloof Municipality Alderman Karel Papier and other government officials who were in attendance, officially opened the new station.

Speaking at the opening, Minister Bredell, reminded all in attendance that local government is about basic services and infrastructure. Infrastructure such as this new fire station, which will benefit all the residents of Caledon on several levels.

"Residents will be safer, as this station will allow for faster and more comprehensive response to fire emergencies. The location, with quick access to the N2, together with the fact that you will be operational 24 hours a day, will add to your increased responsiveness. The new station will enhance Caledon's appeal to potential investors in your local economy," he said.

"Through infrastructure developments such as this, you are showing that Caledon is a well-run municipality and a safe place to invest in. This new station also plays an important role in the entire Western Cape fire response strategy. From our Provincial Disaster Management perspective, we know that you are also able to provide assistance in neighbouring municipalities if the need



Overberg District Fire Chief Reinhard Geldenhuys, Mr Helmut Pool (cutting the ribbon), Overberg District Municipality Executive Mayor Sakkie Franken, Theewaterskloof Executive Mayor Kallie Papier and MEC Anton Bredell during the official cutting of the ribbon.

arises."

Minister Bredell further added that the timing of the launch of this new facility couldn't be better considering that it is opening at the beginning of our traditional fire season in the Western Cape.

"Each year millions of Rands are spent by various agencies to prevent loss of life and property and to reduce the impact on the environment."

The previous fire facility in the area was not fulfilling the needs of the Caledon fighting unit and vehicles could not be secured. It also didn't provide a 24-hour shift response from the station.

Explaining on how the new facility will benefit Theewaterskloof and the greater Overberg area, Overberg District Fire Chief Reinhard Geldenhuys said the 24-hour shift will dramatically shorten the fire response times, especially to informal areas like Riemvasmaak where structures are vulnerable to fire.

"There was a need for a new fire station in Caledon and several attempts were made to build a station, but funding remained a problem. We were approached by Mr Helmut Pool, a developer, to enter into a

Public-Private Partnership, where they can build the station and we rent the station," he said.

"After many negotiations, the plans were completed, and the agreement went through council. The station was purposefully built as a fire station with the requirements needed to have a full time 24/7 manning of the station. This is also the area where a Joint Operations Centre can be established in the case of a disaster or major incident in the Caledon area."

The ground floor of the facility caters to staff needs with sleeping quarters, kitchen and bathrooms and is the day-to-day operational part of the station. The top half caters for the administrative part where office and training facilities are found.

The Executive Mayor of Theewaterskloof Municipality, Alderman Karel Papier, expressed his gratitude to all government departments and role players involved in making this Fire Station a reality and believes it will make a big difference in reducing response times.

"As the mayor of Theewaterskloof I'm very excited about this new fire station they have built in Caledon. This will be a great help for Theewaterskloof residents. I know Overberg District Municipality is just a call away when we have problems, but now there will be a much quicker response time and that is important going into fire season. The station is ideally situated close to the N2 giving fast access to all our towns and feeder routes. As well as covering the Major route for accidents and incidents."

"This will be a game-changer for the Municipality and the greater Overberg region. I want to thank the Executive Mayor of the Overberg District Municipality, Alderman Andries Franken, and all other government departments and role-players who have made this possible."



Caledon's Division Commander, Chris Pieterse, led a poignant Memorial Ringing of the Bell ceremony, honouring firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Conferment of Aldermanship and other milestones celebrated during last council meeting for 2022

On 5 December 2022, during the Overberg District Municipal Council's last ordinary meeting for the year, the Executive Mayor Ald Sakkie Franken and Municipal Manager Mr Richard Bosman, bestowed the title and status of Aldermanship upon two councillors.

The title "Alderman" is a historical title derived from the Anglo-Saxon position of ealdorman, literally meaning 'elder man'.

The title is thus a fitting one to be bestowed upon councillors who, amongst other criteria, have served on one or more local government bodies within the Republic of South Africa over the course of several years.

The honorary title is conferred once a year as and when councillors reach the required milestone. They retain the title even after they leave public office.

Aldermanship was conferred to Cllr Ronald Brinkhuys and Cllr Roland Theo Olivier.

Also during the Council meeting, the Council awarded a certificate of excellence to Mr Nigel Klaasen who recently received the award for Western Cape Prestige Agri-Worker of the Year 2022.

Mr Klaasen, a junior production manager on the farm Fruitways Glen Elgin in Elgin, was announced as the 2022 Western Cape Prestige Agri-Awards winner at the annual gala dinner held in November 2022, at the Grandwest Complex in Goodwood.

ODM Executive Mayor Sakkie Franken expressed his happiness that this year's winner of the prestigious award is from the Overberg region. "As the Overberg District



Municipal Council, we are proud of the achievement Mr Klaasen has attained, which is proof of his hard work and commitment to agriculture in the region."

The Council also presented certificates in recognition of long service to the municipality for 30 years or more to officials who have reached these milestones.

Long Service Certificates are awarded to employees as a gesture of appreciation for

services rendered in recognition of the employee's length of service.

The Executive Mayor, on behalf of the Council, thanked the recipients for their continuous and dedicated service to the municipality. "Thank you for being such valuable members of our workforce. We appreciate your commitment to the municipality over the years and wish you well for the years to come."



Pictured Above: Mr Nigel Klaasen, Western Cape Prestige Agri-Worker of the Year winner for 2022, and ODM Executive Mayor Ald Sakkie Franken.



Pictured Above: The recipients of the long service recognition certificates from the Overberg District Municipality.

Induction of new Council member

Cllr Frans Kees was officially sworn in as a member of the Overberg District Municipality Council during a council meeting that was held on Monday, 22 August 2022 in the ODM Council Chamber.

Cllr Kees serves on the council of the Swellendam Municipality and replaces Cllr Abraham Pokwas, who returns to the Swellendam Municipality where he serves as Deputy Executive Mayor.

Cllr Kees took the Oath and Solemn Affirmation as per Section 26(2) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 1998, which provides that a person assumes office as a councillor when declared elected or when appointed.

The first council meeting must provide for councillors to swear or affirm faithfulness to the Republic and obedience to the Constitution.



Cllr Frans Kees taking the Oath and Solemn Affirmation during his induction as a member of the Overberg District Municipal Council, in the presence of the Speaker, Cllr Lincoln De Bruyn.

Councillor receives presidential recognition

During a council meeting held on 22 August 2022, the Overberg District Municipality's Executive Mayor, Ald Sakkie Franken, had the pleasure of presenting Cllr Archie Klaas with a Certificate of Appreciation received from the President of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa.

Cllr Klaas received the certificate for "Outstanding effort in protecting the people of South Africa through the COVID-19 vaccination programme", after being nominated for this prestigious honour by officials from the Department of Health.

Mayor Franken, as Chairperson of the



District Health Council, congratulated Cllr Klaas on his achievement and thanked him for his dedication and efforts in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic.

Cllr Klaas on his part thanked all the role players who were involved in raising awareness and reaching out to communities during the pandemic.

"The recognition is not just for me, but the amazing work Overberg District Health Department and many amazing leaders did during the Covid-19 pandemic. Many efforts were made, but one of us had to receive this honour, and it so happened to be me."



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ACTIONS CONSTITUTING CORRUPTION, FRAUD, THEFT AND MALADMINISTRATION

Offences constituting corruption, fraud, theft and maladministration collectively refer to, but are not limited to:

- any dishonest, fraudulent or corrupt act;
- theft of funds, supplies, or other assets;
- maladministration or financial misconduct in handling or reporting of money, financial transactions or other assets;
- making a profit from insider knowledge;
- disclosing confidential or proprietary information to outside parties;
- irregularly accepting, requesting, offering or giving anything of material value to or from contractors, suppliers or other persons providing services/goods to the Municipality;
- irregular destruction, removal or abuse of records, furniture and equipment;
- use of the municipality's assets for personal gain;
- any similar or related irregularity; and
- deliberately omitting or refusing to report or act upon reports of any such irregular or dishonest conduct.

The Anti-Corruption & Fraud Policy can be accessed on the municipality's website at www.odm.org.za

Raising IDP awareness in communities



The IDP & Communications department of the Overberg District Municipality hosted a IDP Awareness Session on 28 November 2022 at the ODM Council Chambers. The session formed part of the District Awareness Campaign and public participation process.

The target audience for this session was community workers, specifically CWP's, and NGOs. The aim of the session was to raise awareness of the IDP process and the role of the community in the public participation processes relating to the development of the IDP.

Mr Franco Ruiters, IDP & Communications Manager, facilitated the awareness session. He highlighted the difference between the IDP of the district municipality to that of the local municipality, and how the local communities of the Overberg can influence the District IDP.

The Deputy Executive Mayor, Cllr Helen Coetzee, emphasised the importance of integrated development planning and its associated processes.

CWP's and NGOs do important work within communities. They know the needs of their

communities as they deal with and have first-hand experience of the issues and challenges in their areas.

So it was important for them to know that they also have the right to attend public participation meetings and give inputs to their local municipality for the sustainable development and prosperity of their communities.

The participants were very appreciative for the opportunity to attend and learn about their roles in the IDP and public participation processes.

Enhancing municipal communications in the WC



The Municipal Communication Technical Forum (COMMTECH) is held quarterly and this Forum serves as a platform for sharing information, best practices and issues of mutual interest and concerns relating to Communication with the view of enhancing Participatory Democracy.

This is a mandatory platform identified in the National Government Communications Strategy, and these meetings are hosted

each quarter in various Districts.

The platform is aimed at:

- Sharing of best practices
- Discussing and workshopping challenges and opportunities
- Training needs and opportunities
- Networking with other government communication units
- Resource support from Department of Local Government

Due to the COVID pandemic, the COMMTECH forum meetings were held virtually, however, the meetings will revert to in person engagements due to the effectiveness thereof.

This platform is crucial in ensuring that Municipalities get the necessary support, training, and resources they require to deliver effective communication services to internal and external stakeholders.

MHS committees established to enhance service delivery

Ms Mashudu Mukoma, Head of Department Municipal Health Services, have recently established Municipal Health Services committees with the purpose of enhancing the delivery of environmental health services to the communities across the Overberg District.

The committees are: Health Education and Promotion (HEP) committee; Food Safety committee; and Water, Wastewater & Solid Waste Management committee.

The committees each comprise of one Environmental Health Practitioner and one Principle Clerk from each of the sub-district offices. The clerks will be the secretaries of their respective committee.

HEALTH EDUCATION AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

The objective of the Health Education and Promotion Committee is aimed at improving health education and promotion as stipulated in the legislation, attending to various focus groups in different communities.

The committee intends to plan, coordinate, and evaluate health and hygiene programmes and activities to strengthen health promotion and awareness throughout the Overberg District.

The members of the HEP Committee are Chantal Sauer (Chairperson), Noëline Carelse, Nobuhle Jaxa, Sisonke Simelane, Lutfiyya Basson and Alicia Rossouw.

FOOD SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Food Safety Committee aims to improve and advance food safety throughout the Overberg District through the understanding



Members of the Technical Committee, one of the committees established to enhance Municipal Health Services.

and implementation of legislation as well as awareness of food safety aspects within communities.

The members of the Food Safety Committee are Lester Du Plooy (Chairperson), Leurika Lakey, Busisiwe Jim, Ursula Baatjies and Sisonke Simelane.

WATER, WASTEWATER & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Water, Wastewater & Solid Waste Management Committee will advise on their focus areas as they trace trends on the compliance status.

The members of the Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste Management committee are Likhanyo Mafuduka (Chairperson), René

Erasmus, Rassie Marais, Asanda Maqhutyana and Ursula Baatjies.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

A Technical Committee was also established, which comprises of the four sub-district area managers and the chairpersons from the three committees.

The Technical Committee members are Erik de Bondt (Chairperson), Neville Dreyer, Marais Swart, Bulelwa Mtakati, Lester Du Plooy, Likhanyo Mafuduka, Chantal Sauer and Anelisa Louw.

The three committees will report to the Technical Committee, and the Technical Committee will report to Head of Department on a quarterly basis.



HEALTH EDUCATION AND PREMISES CERTIFICATION AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

The Municipal Health Services (MHS) of the Overberg District Municipality recently rolled out a 'Health Education and Certification Awareness Campaign' in the Cape Agulhas Sub-District area.

Environmental Health Practitioners along with Expanded Public Works Programme

(EPWP) participants within the Municipal Health Services department conducted the campaign to raise awareness.

The primary focus was on Beauty Parlours, Hairdressers and Barbers with notices, posters and pamphlets distributed to the owners of these premises to inform them

regarding the health certificate application process and all Municipal Health Services requirements.

In addition to awareness on premises certification, food business' owners also received education on food safety, mainly focusing on the 'Five Keys to Safer Food'.



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World Environmental Health Day celebrated through awareness



The Municipal Health Services department together with ODM and Swellendam political leadership during their visit to one of the pre-schools in Swellendam.

The Municipal Health Services Department of the Overberg District Municipality celebrated World Environmental Health Day under the theme, "Strengthening Environmental Health Systems for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals".

World Environmental Health Day is celebrated annually on 26 September and is dedicated to promote Environmental Health Services and improvement in environmental health risk factors that communities are exposed to. This day is also dedicated to the recognition of the hard work and dedication of Environmental Health professionals, despite

the challenges experienced in their daily duties.

In South Africa, Local Government through District and Metropolitan Municipalities are key role players in rendering Environmental Health Services under the basket Municipal Health services & the commemoration is deemed as a platform to raise awareness on health related matters.

In a quest to educate communities, especially children at pre-school level, regarding the benefits of proper health and hygiene habits, the MHS department together with the ODM Executive Mayor Ald Sakkie

Franken, ODM Speaker Ald Lincoln de Bruyn, ODM Councillor Steven Fourie, Swellendam Executive Mayor Cllr Francois Du Rand and Swellendam Councillor Elna Lamprecht visited various ECD Centres across the Swellendam area, where the department had installed soap dispensers, and provided them with liquid soap and educational posters.

The MHS department also rolled out community awareness at the SwellenMark Shopping Centre, as well as in the informal settlement where they distributed brochures regarding waste management and illegal dumping.



Environmental Health Practitioners together with Swellendam Executive Mayor Francois Du Rand during their awareness at the SellenMark Shopping Centre.



Environmental Health Practitioners distributed brochures on waste management and illegal dumping in the informal settlement.

Global Handwashing Day - clean hands prevent sickness



The representatives who rolled out awareness in the Swellendam municipal area.



Basic handwash education was also conducted at Hermanus Community Day Center.

Global Handwashing Day, celebrated each year on October 15, is a global advocacy day dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding about the importance of handwashing with soap as an effective and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives.

Handwashing with soap and water is one of the simplest, most effective ways to stop the

spread of germs and stay healthy. Keeping hands clean can prevent 1 in 3 diarrheal illnesses and 1 in 5 respiratory infections, such as the common cold or flu.

From 13 to 25 October 2022 the Overberg District Municipality's Environmental Health Practitioners visited various childcare facilities across the region as part of their hygiene awareness campaign, to educate children as

well as teachers on the proper way to wash your hands.

Soap and soap dispensers were donated and installed in bathrooms and next to handwash basins.

Posters depicting the steps to properly washing your hands were distributed and the correct handwashing procedure was demonstrated to the children.

Food Handler Training rolled out in Cape Agulhas

It is important to know and comply with hygiene rules during the handling of food, because this way we can guarantee food safety and prevent foodborne diseases.

Most of the time, the food handler is the one who intervenes as the vehicle of transmission of these diseases, so it is important that they take into account the great role they play in prevention.

A food handler is anyone who, through their work activity, has direct contact with food during any of its phases until it reaches the final consumer.

This includes: preparation, manufacture, processing, packaging, storage, transport, distribution, sale, supply and service.

One of the objectives of the Municipal Health Services department of the Overberg

District Municipality is to provide food handler training in order for handlers to understand food hygiene and preventive control requirements and how to minimize food hazards risks. The training helps food handlers gain an overview of the key elements of food hygiene and preventive control requirements related to production and manufacturing personnel, and to understand the requirements for maintaining a working environment that minimizes risk due to food hazards.

The Environmental Health Practitioners from the Cape Agulhas sub-district office rolled out food handler training during October 2022 in the Cape Agulhas area.

Ms Sisonke Simelane conducted a training session at the Community Hall in Napier on 18 October. 11 participants from 4 creches and 2 primary schools in the area, were in attendance.

Mr Rassie Marais conducted training at the Albert Myburgh Secondary School in Bredasdorp on 20 October. A total of 23 participants attended the course, which included personnel from Albert Myburgh Secondary School, De Heide Primary School, Suideroord Tehuis vir Bejaardes, Meals on Wheels, Bredasdorp Primary (Hostel) and Liefies Dagskool creche.



Ms Sisonke Simelane explaining and demonstrating the requirements and preventative measures for the safe and proper handling of food.

ODM stands united in the celebration of women



The Overberg District Municipal Staff and Leadership who participated in a Women's Month Celebration held at the ODM Head Office.

Staff from the ODM Head Office, together with Municipal Leadership, participated in a Women's Month Celebration held on Monday, 1 August 2022, to commemorate the significant role held by women in South African society and to celebrate the accomplishments of the staged march by women to the Union Buildings in 1956.

Each year in August, our country celebrates Women's Month, where we pay tribute to the more than 20 000 women who marched to the Union Buildings on 9 August 1956 in protest against the extension of Pass Laws to women.

In South Africa, each year August 9th is celebrated as Women's Day. Women's Day celebrates the strength and resilience of women and their contribution to society and country.

It celebrates the strength and resilience of women who laid the foundations of a democratic South Africa, and the strides made toward gender equality. More recently, it has become an important period to reflect on the progress made toward the promotion of women's rights and the elimination of injustices against women.

The staff and leadership at the ODM Head Office paid homage to the work done by many great women, and the ongoing efforts toward the achievement of a safe, free and fair society, by forming a human chain to show their support and solidarity against the attacks on people, especially women.

There was also a ceremonious lighting of a candle to represent unity and commitment to an equitable society where women are celebrated, are safe and are at the forefront

of social change.

Mr Richard Bosman, Municipal Manager, welcomed the participants and highlighted the important role played by women in today's society.

Deputy Mayor Helen Coetzee was the keynote speaker and delivered a passionate and powerful address where she reflected on her personal experience of abuse, and her journey to self empowerment.

A representative from the Bredasdorp SAPS also addressed the participants and gave an overview of gender based attacks and other related crimes in the region, as well as the process of reporting such crimes and other measures that can be taken by the victims.

The message was made clear - 'Women are the epitome of courage, hope and life.'

LET'S ALL UNITE AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND FEMICIDE

The 16 Days of Activism campaign against Gender-Based Violence is an annual campaign that begins on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs through to International Human Rights Day on 10 December.

It focuses on raising awareness to the devastating impact that gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) has on women and children, and the social fabric of our society.

Staff from the ODM Head Office, together with Municipal Leadership and special guests, held a gathering on 25 November 2022 to show their support and solidarity for 'No Violence Against Women and Children'.

Special guest speaker Phyllis Mini as well as ODM Deputy Mayor Helen Coetzee shared their stories as GBV survivors. There was also a special live performance from



local music artists Bowa G Thee'greatest and Asanda Mbatyazwa, who performed their GBV theme song.

For communities

- a. Be an activist against GBV in your homes, communities, work and positions.
- b. Play your part: Reject and report abusers - Act and don't look away!

Together, let us take actions to support the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children campaign.

Other key commemorative days during this period include World Aids Day on the 1st December and the International Day for Persons with Disabilities, on 3 December of every year.

GOFPA WARNS OF UPCOMING FIRE SEASON: Invasive plants reduce the Overberg's resilience to wildfire



The Overberg is preparing for the next fire season as we head into the summer months following a dry winter.

Because of the increased fire risks, landowners and property owners are now encouraged to address the threats of invasive alien plants – which increase the severity and frequency of wildfires.

In the Overberg, now is the final opportunity to prepare for the upcoming fire season. Fire season starts in November in the Overstrand and December in the rest of the Overberg.

According to Chris Martens of the Fynbos Trust and board member of the Greater Overberg Fire Protection Association (goFPA), there's a close connection between fire and invasive plants. "Invasive aliens are a huge wildfire threat in the Overberg. Fires burn hotter and more often in our fynbos landscapes and the urban interface because of these plants. They change fire behaviour and they alter fire regimes."

For those landowners who have cleared invasive plants, these wildfires can also undo all the work and money spent on clearing. That's because fires stimulate the seed of invasive species, especially the likes of Port Jackson (*Acacia saligna*) and Long-leaf wattle (*Acacia longifolia*).

Chris says, "These seeds can remain in the soil for a hundred years and more, and will always outcompete indigenous fynbos after a fire."

Using fire to manage invasive species

But there is a flip side to the relationship between fire and alien plants: fire can also be used as a potential tool to manage aliens.

"This provides an opportunity for landowners to use fire to help manage their invasive plants – but this needs to be done

with careful and clever planning, and should never be done in an ad hoc way."

The Greater Overberg Fire Protection Association is now teaming up with the Fynbos Trust and other partners to encourage landowners to start addressing the threat of invasive plants through fire.

Mitch Afrika, Extension Officer of the goFPA says the first step is to ensure farmers and property owners have the right information to develop an integrated fire and invasive alien management plan.

The steps to take to compile the plan

He says, "Landowners should identify management units where these integrated activities can take place. These should be chosen based on things like the size of the area, the fire history, the ability to control fires, and whether it's close to infrastructure. They could even look at conservation priority areas, such as rivers and wetlands, to increase water flow once the plants are removed."

Once the management units have been selected, landowners should carefully plan their next steps. Mitch says, "Know what aliens you have and how much you have. Fire breaks need to be in place. And only then can planned burns be undertaken, with follow up invasive alien clearing ready to take place when the invasive seeds germinate."

He says the aim of planned burns is to have a mosaic of different fynbos veld ages across the property. This not only helps the natural area, but also supports fire fighters to douse wildfires when the fire reaches the younger veld. "The tip for landowners is to plan management activities in a way that allows fire to remove invasive plants cost-effectively."

Fires become harder to extinguish as alien plants flourish

Chris adds that managing invasive plants and wildfire not only reduces the threat to infrastructure, especially in the Overstrand district, where houses border the natural fynbos landscapes. It also reduces the severe impact that fires have on fynbos landscapes.

"While fynbos is a fire-driven ecosystem, too frequent fires have devastating results. They can lead to plant extinctions. Fynbos wildlife has also evolved with fire over the last four million years but unseasonal and short-rotation burns can destroy much of the wildlife."

The Overberg District Municipality's Chief Fire Officer Reinard Geldenhuys warns that as invasive plants continue to overwhelm the natural landscapes, the dangers of wildfires increase.

"Every year we see how these alien species make it more difficult for fire fighters to extinguish fires, and all the more dangerous for our teams and for people living in areas that are burning. If we can't start to bring these invasions under control, we face even tougher fire seasons in the near future."

The goFPA will share tips for landowners and property owners in the coming months on their website and social media, providing information on how to compile integrated fire and invasive alien species plans. Watch www.overbergfpa.co.za and the Facebook page (@goFPA) for more.

There are also other resources available to guide landowners in their planning, including the WWF South Africa-funded handbook, "A practical guide to managing invasive alien plants" – available free on the WWF South Africa website at (www.wwf.org.za).



CLOSURE OF OFFICES

*for holiday season
2022*

Notice is hereby given that the Overberg District Municipality's offices will be closed over the 2022 holiday period as follows:

ODM Administrative Offices

The administrative offices will be closed for the period 26 December to 30 December 2022, and will re-open on 3 January 2023.

NB - The offices will close at 13h00 on 23 December.

ODM Roads Department

The Roads Department closes annually to coincide with the builders' holidays. The department closes on Thursday, 15 December 2022 and re-opens again on Monday, 16 January 2023.

NB - All depots close at 11h00 on 15 December.



*Wishing all our residents and
visitors a happy and safe festive
season*

