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FESTIVE SEASON MESSAGE

FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF THE OVERBERG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

As we approach the festive season, I extend warm wishes to all our residents and visitors. May this Christmas be filled with joy, peace, and prosperity.

The Overberg offers a unique blend of natural beauty and festive cheer. And visitors are invited to Immerse themselves in the breathtaking landscapes, from pristine beaches to majestic mountains. Explore our vibrant towns and villages, indulge in delicious local cuisine, and experience the warmth of our community. Join us in celebrating the great outdoors and creating unforgettable memories.

Don't miss the opportunity to visit some of our must-see sights:



Beaches: Relax on the pristine beaches from Rooiels to Malgas.

Marine Big Five: Enjoy sightings of a rich and diverse marine wildlife.

Hiking and Mountain Bike Trails: Embark on scenic trails for an outdoor adventure in fynbos clad landscapes.

Agri-tourism: exploring our diverse offerings, from the 5 wine routes, cheese tastings to farm-to-table dining experiences.

Arts & Crafts: Support the local talent and visit the many galleries where the artists are often available to interpret their creations.

CapeNature: Experience the Overberg's nature at Kogelberg Nature Reserve, South Africa's first biosphere, the penguin colony at Stony Point, Betty's Bay, Klipgat Caves at De Kelders, Grootvadersbosch Nature Reserve between Barrydale and Heidelberg with cabins and hiking trails in a forest and De Hoop Nature Reserve, one of the largest natural areas managed by CapeNature.

Cherish the time together with your family and friends.

However, during this period of festivity there are also those dedicated men and women in our emergency services who stand totally committed and ready to serve in their respective areas of duty. To you, and your loved ones, a special thank-you and appreciation for your noble being.

ALD. SAKKIE FRANKEN
EXECUTIVE MAYOR





5-YEAR STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2022/23 - 2026/27

STRATEGIC GOALS

- STRATEGIC GOAL 1**
To ensure the well-being of all in the Overberg through the provision of efficient basic services and infrastructure.
- STRATEGIC GOAL 2**
To promote regional economic development by supporting initiatives in the District for the development of a sustainable district economy.
- STRATEGIC GOAL 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.
- STRATEGIC GOAL 4**
To attain and maintain financial viability and sustainability by executing accounting services in accordance with National policy and guidelines.
- STRATEGIC GOAL 5**
To ensure good governance practices by providing a democratic and pro-active accountable government and ensuring community participation through IGR structures.

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

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.

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COUNCIL 2021 – 2026

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:

DA
12

ANC
7

VF+
2

GOOD
2



Ald Andries Franken
Executive Mayor
DA



Ald Helen Coetzee
Deputy Executive Mayor
DA



Cllr Archie Klaas
Speaker
DA



Ald Johan Nieuwoudt
DA



Cllr Steven Fourie
DA



Cllr Theresa Els
DA



Ald Roland Olivier
ANC



Ald Ronald Brinkhuys
DA



Cllr Carol de Bruyn Benjamin
DA



Ald Ntombizine Sapepa
ANC



Cllr Msa Nomatiti
DA



Ald Mbogeni Nomkoko
ANC



Cllr Unathi Mabulu
DA



Cllr Yvonne van Tonder
DA



Cllr Melanie Du Plessis
ANC



Cllr Dawid Julius
DA



Cllr Mlamleli Mokotwana
ANC



Cllr Cuan Elgin
VF+



Cllr Bongwiwe Mkhwibiso
ANC



Cllr Jacobus van Staden
VF+



Cllr Connie Tafu-Nwonkwo
ANC



Cllr Bongani Songwenqwe
GOOD



VACANT

Final Council Meeting for 2024 serves as Awards Ceremony



ODM Speaker, Cllr Archie Klaas, received a certificate in recognition of successfully completing the Municipal Minimum Competency Level.

Various awards were handed out during the ODM Council's last meeting for the year, held on 9 December 2024.

Every year, the last council meeting is used as a platform for the handover of any awards to council members and/or personnel who have obtained certain achievements during the course of the year.

NEW COUNCILLOR SWORN IN

Cllr Bongani Sonqwenqwe was officially sworn in as an Overberg District Municipality Councillor as per Section 26(2) of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act 117 of 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.

Ald. Cynthia Clayton from the GOOD Party resigned as Councillor to the Overberg District

Municipality and the vacancy was declared in terms of item 11(1) of Schedule 2 of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act 117 of 1998).

The Chief Electoral Officer of the Independent Electoral Commission officially declared Cllr. Bongani Sonqwenqwe as Councillor to the Overberg District Municipality. Cllr Sonqwenqwe hails from Swellendam.



Cllr Bongani Sonqwenqwe took the oath and solemn affirmation with ODM Speaker, Cllr Archie Klaas.

CERTIFICATE HANDOVER CEREMONY CELEBRATES EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

The ceremony honored the accomplishments of dedicated individuals who reached outstanding achievements, marking a pivotal milestone in their professional journeys.

Certificates in recognition of long service to the municipality was awarded to officials who have reached these milestones.

Long Service Certificates are awarded to employees as a gesture of the municipality's appreciation for services rendered in recognition of the employee's length of service.

This year, Council also presented certificates in recognition of tertiary achievements to personnel as well as external beneficiaries of bursaries. The ceremony recognized the outstanding efforts of individuals who have demonstrated excellence in their respective fields of study.

"The certificate handover ceremony is a celebration of dedication and determination, and we are proud to acknowledge the participant's exceptional achievements," said Executive Mayor Ald Sakkie Franken.





A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

5th Clean Audit for the Overberg District Municipality

“It is my pleasure to announce that the Overberg District Municipality has received an unqualified audit report without any findings from the Auditor-General of South Africa for the 2023/2024 financial year!

This is the municipality’s 5th consecutive clean audit, showcasing our continued efforts to ensure transparent and accountable governance, and our commitment to excellent service delivery.

Thank you to our dedicated staff for all your efforts and hard work. Let us continue to strive for excellence.”

(Ald) Andries ‘Sakkie’ Franken
Executive Mayor, Overberg District Municipality



5TH CLEAN AUDIT FOR OVERBERG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

The Overberg District Municipality is happy to announce that we have received an unqualified audit report from the Auditor General of South Africa (AGSA) for the 2023/2024 financial year - meaning a fifth consecutive Clean Audit!! A clean audit means that it is an unqualified audit opinion with no findings and that all laws and regulations that were set, are met.

The Overberg District Municipality is committed providing good, clean governance and sound financial management. The Municipal Manager, Mr Richard Bosman, expresses his heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the CFO, the administration, all personnel, and the Council for their efforts in ensuring a clean audit.



FRAUD & CORRUPTION AWARENESS

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

ODM DONATES TO SANTA'S LITTLE GIFT BOX PROJECT



Various departments from the Overberg District Municipality sponsored a total of 35 gift boxes for young girls and boys. This project was part of a community initiative by Child Welfare SA - Bredasdorp.

Child Welfare SA Bredasdorp is a Non-Profit, Child Protection Organization and has been rendering services in the communities of Bredasdorp for many years. The organizations core focus is safeguarding children and preserving families for as long as possible.

The Child Welfare office in Bredasdorp invited the Overberg District Municipality to participate in this years project, in preparation of their annual Christmas party which take place during the first week of December. Their target for this year was to support 100 children with gift boxes, of which ODM was requested to give 25 boxes.

Through the leadership of the ODM Social Committee, led by Christine Davids, various departments chipped in and the ODM ultimately donated 35 gift boxes, exceeding their target!

During a ceremony held today, 2 December 2024 in the ODM Council Chamber, the gift boxes were handed over to representatives from the Child Welfare SA Bredasdorp office, who

expressed their sincere gratitude for the kind donation, and also commended the ODM for providing additional boxes which will surely make an impact and help them provide support to even more children.

The ODM Social Committee expresses their heartfelt thanks for everyone's contributions and participation.



HIGHLIGHTS

PHELOPHEPA HEALTH CARE TRAIN BRINGS SERVICES TO THE OVERBERG

The Transnet Phelophepa Health Care Train delivered services to patients across the Overberg District and surrounding areas from 7 - 18 October this year.

Phelophepa provides primary health care services to supplement those offered by the Department of Health and targets beneficiaries who are unable to afford the service in a cost effective manner.

On 16 October, a delegation of Overberg Mayors visited the train at the Elgin Railway Station in Grabouw. ODM Executive Mayor Ald Sakkie Franken, together with the respective Mayors of the Theewaterskloof Municipality and Swellendam Municipality, along with other local government roleplayers were taken on a tour of the train and its services, as well as attending a



donation handover ceremony facilitated by Phelophepa officials together with the Al-Imdaad Foundation. The Al-Imdaad Foundation is a non-profit humanitarian aid relief organisation (NGO) registered in the Republic of South Africa, dedicated to providing humanitarian services.

SUCCESSFUL 2ND OVERBERG IDP STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT



The IDP & Communications Department of the Overberg District Municipality hosted a District IDP Strategic Engagement on 24 & 25 October at the Glaskasteel in Bredasdorp, the second of its kind.

Integrated Development Planning (IDP) is crucial for sustainable development as it coordinates efforts across sectors and governance levels. This engagement aims to engage all spheres of government and other stakeholders to



collaborate on development initiatives.

The purpose of this engagement is therefore to foster collaboration among stakeholders to ensure unified development planning, and to share knowledge and insights to enhance understanding of community needs and the alignment of development goals.

This engagement will take place annually to promote collaboration and consultation between the municipalities and the sector departments.

from the last quarter

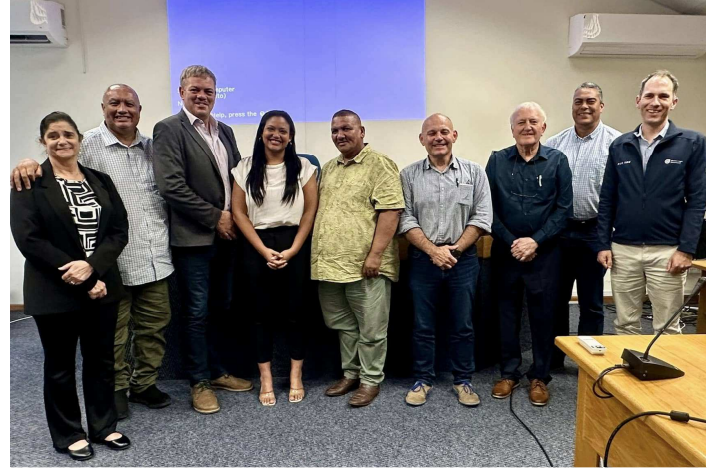
FINANCE MEC VISITS OVERBERG IN PREPARATION OF MTBP STATEMENT

Provincial Minister of Finance, MEC Deidré Baartman and her team visited the Overberg District Municipality on 22 November 2024 to discuss a variety of challenges and opportunities related to the District and its local municipalities, in the run up to the Western Cape Government Medium Term Budget Policy Statement.

Minister Baartman tabled the Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement and Adjustments Budget in the Western Cape Provincial Parliament on 26 November 2024.

With this budget, the Western Cape Government focused on resilience, growth, and innovation to create a province that works for everyone. At least 75% of the additional funding is dedicated to protecting frontline services, ensuring access to quality education, healthcare, and safety for all.

“The Western Cape Government has allocated R250 million towards compensation of educators. A further R600 million is made available within the WCED’s budget to deal with their immediate teaching post and learner enrolment pressures.”



MEC Deidré Baartman (middle) during her visit to the Overberg with Finance MMCs from the district and local municipalities.

WCG are also investing in protecting its communities from the effects of climate change, ensuring a sustainable and prosperous future for the Western Cape. R21m for disaster prevention & response, and R6.2m for emergency relief & nutritional support has been allocated for this purpose.

R230.5m has been allocated towards the Department of Health & Wellness to relieve some pressure brought on by medical inflation and goods and services pressures.

IDP AWARENESS TO PROMOTE INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COLLABORATION

As part of the District Awareness Campaign and public participation process, the IDP & Communications Department of the Overberg District Municipality rolled out IDP awareness.

The purpose of these engagements are to promote awareness in terms of the roles and responsibilities that the District Municipality has regarding service delivery to the communities and inhabitants of the Overberg.

This session took place in the Caledon Town Hall on 1 November, focusing on inter-departmental collaboration and was held with the ODM’s

Roads Depot and Municipal Health Services situated in Caledon, as well as Environmental Management Services. Councillors Carol de Bruyn-Benjamin and Yvonne van Tonder also attended the session.



Food Safety Compliance Blitz around Overberg Region



The Overberg District Municipality's Municipal Health Services department together with local law enforcement departments began rolling out Food Safety Compliance visits at spaza shops located across the Overberg region.

These operations were conducted under the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act (Act 54 of 1972) and the National Health Act, which make it a criminal offence to sell unsafe, adulterated, or expired food.

The blitz comes after numerous deaths of children elsewhere in the country who had presumably bought and / or consumed food products from spaza shops that had suspectedly been contaminated by pesticides that are also sold in the shops.

The blitz was executed by multitask teams which includes Health Inspectors from the ODM, partnered by SAPS, Law Enforcement, and

Town Planning departments from the local municipalities. The blitz were rolled out in the Cape Agulhas, Theewaterskloof, Overstrand and Swellendam municipal areas since November.

The blitz is aimed at addressing the recent food-borne illnesses crisis in the country, by tackling the sale of unhealthy and poisonous food by supermarkets and spaza shops. The blitz focuses on compliance certifications, foodstuffs products compliance, hazardous substances products, and Town Planning immigration.

The approach followed is a preventative approach to protect customers, especially children, from exposure to harmful substances, and to prevent future outbreaks.

These proactive operations are a vital step in protecting our community's health and well-being while ensuring businesses operate within the law.





CAUTION

CONFIRMED RABIES AMONGST SEALS IN THE WESTERN CAPE

The public is urged to exercise caution and follow safety guidelines during the upcoming summer holiday season when encountering Cape fur seals. These marine mammals are an integral part of our coastal ecosystem, but it is crucial to recognise that human-wildlife interactions can have severe consequences.

While it is common for seals to haul out on beaches to rest and for deceased seals to wash ashore having died from natural causes, it is important to recognise any signs of distress or abnormal behaviour. Seals may display defensive behaviour if they feel threatened or

are injured. They may display aggressive behaviour if infected by rabies. Rabies can be transmitted through bites, scratches or direct contact with saliva and is fatal for both humans and unvaccinated animals.

The public is urged to stay away from seals and do not attempt to touch or engage with them. Swimmers and surfers must remain extra vigilant while in the sea. If a seal is spotted, exit the water immediately and report it to the lifeguards or Municipal Authorities.

If your pet has been bitten by a seal, consult a local state veterinarian.

FIRE SEASON AWARENESS



 **EMERGENCY NUMBER : 028 425 1690**

HOW TO REPORT A FIRE:

- Remain calm
- Give a brief explanation on what is burning
- Supply an accurate address of where the fire is
- Supply a contact number
- Only hang up once the emergency personnel to do so



**24/7
OPERATING CONTROL ROOM**

Here are some tips to help you prevent fires from starting or spreading:

- Report veldfires immediately
- Do not leave open fires unattended
- Make sure there are no illegal electrical connections in or near your home
- If you see someone playing carelessly with fire, matches or lighters ask them to stop
- Do not flick cigarette butts out of your car window

No fireworks during fire season

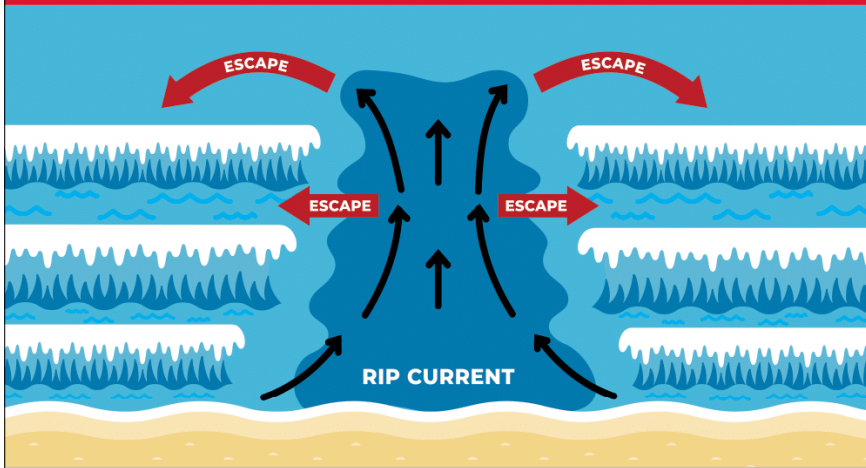
Fireworks can cause wildfires during fire season because they are often set off when it is drier and hotter



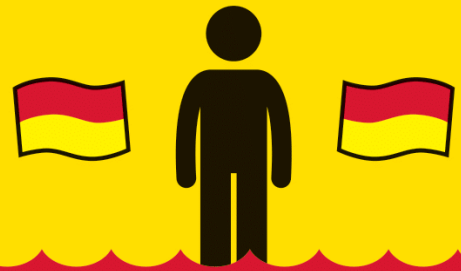
**BE AWARE AND
STAY SAFE!**



Break the Grip of the Rip®



**ONLY ENTER THE WATER
BETWEEN THE
RED AND YELLOW FLAGS**



**WHEN LIFEGUARDS
ARE ON DUTY**

HOW TO ESCAPE A RIP CURRENT:

- Rip currents are water that is flowing away from the beach and has no breaking waves. They are mobile and can shift
- Don't panic and don't fight the current, get out by swimming parallel to the beach, using the waves to help you get out
- Never swim into a rip to help somebody, throw them something that floats and arm signals to show them to swim to the side
- Call NSRI for help



**SEA
RESCUE**

EMERGENCY: 082 990 5952

EMERGENCY HOTLINE - 112 | Dr. Fourie & De Kock: 028 435 7130 / 082 775 1575 | Bredasdorp Hospital: 028 424 2652
Ambulance: 028 212 9111 | Bredasdorp Fire Dept.: 076 604 8130 | Struisbaai SAPS: 082 522 2568 / 028 514 7501

CLOSURE OF OFFICES DURING FESTIVE SEASON

ODM ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Close: Tuesday, 24 December 2024 (12:00)

Open: Thursday, 2 January 2025

ODM ROADS DEPARTMENT

Close: Friday, 20 December 2024 (11:00)

Open: Monday, 20 January 2025

Emergency Services will remain on active duty. For emergencies, please call **028 425 1690**





*Wishing you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year*



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