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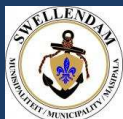
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# Council to continue with strategic direction for next 5-years



The Overberg District Municipal Council held its first Strategic Session during March 2022, at the Glaskasteel Hall in Bredasdorp.

The purpose of the strategic session was to review the 5-year strategic direction of the municipality, which informs the Integrated Development Plan.

Local government is assigned the crucial role of rebuilding local communities and environments, as the basis for a democratic, integrated, prosperous and truly non-racial society. The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (1996) mandates local government to: provide democratic and accountable government for local communities, ensure the provision of services to communities in a sustainable manner, promote social and economic development, promote a safe and healthy environment and encourage the involvement of communities and community organizations in the matters of local government.

Strategic sessions are held annually with the entire Council and the Administration. Also invited to these sessions is the Chairperson of the Audit- and Performance Audit Committee.

The sessions are informative, brainstorming sessions that provide guidance to the Council in terms of making critical decisions on allocating resources, set priorities, strengthen operations, ensure that role players are working towards common goals and address significant challenges.

Guided by the Political- and Administrative Head of the Overberg District Municipality, the session serves to ensure a common

understanding and buy-in & support in respect of planning, budgeting, and implementation processes. The session provided an overview of the Municipality's strategic objectives for the next 5 years.

The various departments of the municipality were offered the opportunity to present to Council in terms of status and progress of key performance indicators, departmental challenges and achievements, and KPI setting for 2022/23.

Other presentations included: The newly developed District Spatial Development Framework; Overview of Risk Management; Overview of the Integrated Development Plan process; The Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan; and an Overview of the 2020/21 Annual Report.

The strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of the Municipality were assessed by way of a SWOT analysis.

The vision and mission was also discussed in detail. The vision and mission statements provide a focal point that helps to align everyone with the municipality, thus ensuring that everyone is working towards a single purpose. This helps to increase efficiency and productivity in the municipality. In order to translate the vision into reality, Council identifies themes for improvement or change along with strategic goals and deliverables that will be reported on regularly.

Following extensive deliberations, the ODM Council unanimously resolved to adopt the vision, mission and strategic direction as determined by the previous council.



# 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:



## 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.

# ODM welcomes new Municipal Manager

The Overberg District Municipality is pleased to welcome its newly appointed Municipal Manager.

Mr Richard Bosman has, from 1 June 2022, taken over the reins from the previous Acting Municipal Manager, Mr Patrick Oliver, to steer the administrative arm of the municipality.

Mr Bosman, who hails from Wynberg in Cape Town, holds nearly 4 decades of extensive knowledge and experience in local government.

Mr Bosman matriculated at Wynberg High School in 1984. His first job was as a Beach Constable where he was responsible for by-law enforcement and delivering life saving duties for the City of Cape Town. After a few years he developed interest in the legal side, and began studying Law part time through UNISA.

After completing his studies and receiving his law degree, he joined the City of Cape Town's Legal Department. He was then transferred to the Protective Services Department of the former South Peninsula Municipality where he served for a number of years.

In 2002 he joined Overstrand Municipality and was appointed as Director Corporate Services. He left in 2005 and joined Provincial Government from 2006 to 2007.

In 2007 he was appointed as the Director of Community Safety at the Stellenbosch Local Municipality. He then returned to the City of Cape Town in 2008 where he served as the Executive Director of Safety and Security for almost 12 years, achieving great success in



From left: ODM Speaker Ald Lincoln de Bruyn, Mr Richard Bosman and ODM Executive Mayor Ald Andries Franken.

improving metro services such as law enforcement, fire and rescue services, traffic and police departments, and grew the Directorate from 2000 people to over 4000 people. He also played an integral part in the development and implementation of the City and Province's critically important Law Enforcement Advancement Program (LEAP).

Mr Bosman took early retirement in 2021. After 4 months of retirement though, he returned to local government by assisting the Theewaterskloof Municipality for a 6-month period. He was then appointed as Acting Municipal Manager at Bitou Municipality in Plettenberg Bay in December 2021.

Mr Bosman, who played baseball in his younger years, enjoys cycling and reading.

His wife has 40 years of service for the City of Cape Town and they have 2 sons who are both currently studying.

"The last 7 months has been a challenging time for the municipality in terms of service continuity and stability. My vision aligns with that of the ODM council. We must ensure that we continue to deliver effective and efficient services, maintain an ethical and corruption free administration, and foster good relations with our local and provincial stakeholders."

Mr Bosman joins the ODM with a wealth of local government experience. The Council together with the administration extends their warmest wishes to him and trust that he will take the Overberg District Municipality to greater heights.

## Food premises inspected to ensure compliance with Food Safety Regulations

ODM Environmental Health Practitioners together with TWK Law Enforcement conducted surprise raids to shops in the Grabouw and Villiersdorp areas during February, to enforce compliance with Food Safety Regulations.

The operation targeted food premises which did not adhere to food safety protocols. Twelve food premises were visited and more than half of those food premises were found in breach of regulations and were shut down till compliance is ensured.

It was found that some of these facilities were operating without possession of a valid Certificate of Acceptability and they were instructed to apply immediately. Areas of



concern were highlighted to the offenders whose facilities were shut down and fines were issued by TWK Municipality Law Enforcement Officials.

Other shortcomings found during the operation included:

- Excessive food storage areas with no

sufficient ventilation.

- Storing and selling of expired foodstuffs to the public.
- Unlabelled food items in stock/on display.
- Unhygienic waste management and vector control systems in place.
- Structural defects and improper storage of foodstuffs which can pose high risk to consumers.
- Keeping of animals and sleeping in the Shops.

The operation will continue across the sub-district, in both formal and informal business sectors to raise awareness to business owners on the need to take Food Safety seriously.

# Successful strategic planning session for municipal health services

The Municipal Health Services Department held its 1st Strategic Planning session during March. The aim of the session was for the Department to come together and plan on delivery of services to the communities under the Theme 'Planning Today for Tomorrow's Generation'.

The department is responsible to render, on behalf of the Council, the following Municipal Health Services: Water Quality Monitoring through monthly water testing of water for quality, Food Safety Control through food sampling, food premises inspections, Health Surveillance of Premises through various health monitoring inspections at ECD Centres, Schools & Health Facilities, Disposal of the Dead through compliance monitoring of Funeral Undertakers, Environmental Pollution done through Air Quality function, Surveillance of communicable diseases such as TB, Chemical Safety, Vector control & waste management within Overberg businesses and communities.

The department functions under the Community Services Directorate of the municipality, under the leadership of newly appointed Manager, Mrs Mashudu Mukoma, and 4 sub-district managers of which one in each of the four local municipal areas in the district, as well as Environmental Health Practitioners.

Municipal Health Services are rendered to ensure protection of public health in the



*Pictured above: The Municipal Health Services Department during their strategic planning session in March.*

district. It is essential to provide effective services to the community in order to ensure that everyone lives in an environment that is not harmful to their health or wellbeing and to have the environment protected through reasonable legislative measures as section 24 in the Bill of Rights in the Constitution of South Africa stipulates.

The strategic session identified four priority areas of focus:

- ◆ Appoint additional EHP personnel to address the shortage of staff
  - ◆ Intensify Water and Waste water quality monitoring
  - ◆ Food Safety analysis
  - ◆ Community awareness programmes as a way to promote good health practices.
- The Department's goal is to implement and deliver an effective preventative Municipal Health Services in the next five years.

## Hygiene awareness - important habits for children to learn

Hand washing is very effective in preventing communicable diseases, particularly for children, as they are more vulnerable to infections gained from unwashed hands and unhealthy behaviour.

In a quest to educate communities, especially children at pre-school level about the benefits of proper health and hygiene habits, Environmental Health Practitioners regularly visit crèches and day care centres across the district.

During February, EHPs from the Grabouw Office visited four crèches in the Grabouw, Villiersdorp and Botriver areas.

During the visits, teachers together with toddlers from ages 2 to 6 years, were educated by means of demonstration on the importance of proper handwash methods using clean running water and soap, to

improve hygiene behaviours, as well as ways to prevent diarrhoeal, sanitation and water-related diseases.

One of the key messages communicated was that good handwashing habits are the first line of defence against the spread of many illnesses, like diarrhoea, to more serious infections like Typhoid and COVID-19.

EHPs also visited four crèches in the Caledon and Riviersonderend areas to conduct hygiene awareness regarding the importance of correct handwashing with soap, clean water and drying of hands.

This ensures that unseen germs are destroyed, prohibiting the spread of germs that cause illnesses and sickness.

The initiative was a great success and positive feedback was received from the educators, caretakers and children. Relevant

materials such as posters and hand soap, was handed over to the crèches and day care centres.



# Agri-Processing on wheels launched in the Overberg



From left: Director-General Dr Harry Malila, ODM Executive Mayor Sakkie Franken and Minister Ivan Meyer showing off freshly made sausage and patties.

On Monday, 9 May 2022, Western Cape Minister of Agriculture Dr Ivan Meyer, accompanied by the Executive Mayor of the Overberg District Municipality, Alderman Sakkie Franken, launched the Western Cape Department of Agriculture's mobile Agri-Processing on Wheels Initiative in Caledon.

The Agri-processing on Wheels Initiative will enable officials to develop the agri-processing capacity in the Western Cape by offering workshops to interested groups across the Western Cape.

Speaking at the launch, Minister Meyer highlighted that agri-processing is emerging as an essential sub-sector with the potential to spur economic growth and create jobs.

"The Overberg is the 2nd largest agricultural region of the Western Cape with primary agriculture contributing 9% to the GDP and Agri-processing 5%. The horticulture, which makes up 46% and field crops (26%) of production in the Overberg region are the sub-sectors that benefit from the Agri-Processing On Wheels initiative."

"The agri-processing sub-sector in the Western Cape plays a critical role in addressing the youth unemployment challenge. This is because it employs a

significant proportion of youth, i.e. about 45%. The subsector is also essential in transforming agriculture as about 47% of those used within the sub-sector are women."

"In addition, agri-processing also plays a crucial role in household food security. It prolongs product shelf life and reduces wastage, resulting from surplus production."

Executive Mayor Franken welcomed the initiative as one that can build food security and jobs in the Overberg.

"I am thrilled that the Western Cape Department of Agriculture is rolling out this initiative in the Overberg. It will enable developing agri-processing capacity, agri-processing businesses, jobs, and a

vibrant rural economy."

Minister Meyer further stated, "The Mobile Processing Units enable the Department to reach producers in remote areas by bringing the processing equipment to them.

Furthermore, with increased capacity in agri-processing, the region is positioned to increase its current labour intake of 22%, which is primarily absorbed by agriculture."

The Department of Agriculture also used the opportunity to launch the Overberg Food Garden Competition Awards, the first of its kind, during the event in Caledon.

The food garden initiative aims to ensure food security through encouraging food self-sufficiency.



# Western Cape Cabinet Outreach: Premier Winde and team visit the Overberg District

On Monday, 9 May 2022, the Premier of the Western Cape, Alan Winde, along with his Provincial Cabinet, and the Overberg District Municipality hosted an outreach engagement for the Overberg region.

Residents, businesses, and visitors had the opportunity to engage in 5 minute face-to-face meetings with government officials in attendance to pitch their ideas or share their challenges.

The event was organised in the trend of the Premier's First Thursday engagements.

Ivan Meyer, MEC for Agriculture in the Western Cape, stated, "Public governance must start with the public. One of the values of the Western Cape Government is responsiveness. Responsiveness means to first listen to the public, engage with them,



*Premier Alan Winde during face-to-face engagements with the Overberg stakeholders.*

have empathy with their situation and jointly find a way to help them solve a problem."

The event was well attended by community leaders, residents and business owners from across the region

The cabinet also held its Bosberaad during the stay in Cape Agulhas. The Premier certainly enjoyed his stay in the Overberg, stating on his Facebook page, "Dit is lekker hier in die Overberg!".



*Executive Mayor Sakkie Franken, Deputy Mayor Helen Coetzee and Acting Municipal Manager Patrick Oliver represented the Overberg District Municipality at the event.*



*Minister Ivan Meyer, MEC for Agriculture, and his team in consultation with stakeholders.*

## Enhancing integrated development planning through strategic integrated engagements

### WESTERN CAPE DISTRICTS INTEGRATED FORUM (WCDIF)

In further enhancing the legislative mandate as prescribed in the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act 117 of 1998), to ensure integrated development planning for the district as a whole, it was considered strategic to establish a platform that would ensure the integrity of methodologies used in the development of Integrated Development Plans (IDPs).

Discussions on this platform centre on an agreed upon approach, assisting in the development of credible Strategic Goals (SGs) and key Predetermined Objectives (PDOs), and how best to respond to the impact it would have on District and Local Municipalities, as well as respective communities at large. To this effect, a process has been embarked upon in collaboration with District Municipalities in the Western Cape, namely, West Coast, Cape Winelands, Garden Route, Central Karoo, and Overberg.

The WCDIF meet on a quarterly basis and rotates amongst the districts in the Western Cape. The last meeting was held on 19 & 20 April 2022 in the City of Cape Town. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 14 & 15 June 2022 in Cape Winelands.

### STRATEGIC INTEGRATED MUNICIPAL ENGAGEMENT (SIME) 2022

The importance of the integrated planning and budgeting assessment is stipulated in the Local Government Municipal Systems Act (MSA), the MSA Regulations and the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA).

These annual provincial assessments afford the provincial sphere of government an opportunity to exercise its monitoring and support role to municipalities as stipulated by the Constitution.

In addition, the assessments provide an indication of the ability and readiness of municipalities to deliver on legislative and constitutional mandates.

The ODM SIME engagement was held on 6 May 2022, providing context to the Municipality's challenges and responses as taken up in the Draft IDP, Budget, SDF, Regional Economic Development and Tourism Strategy, and various other strategies and plans.

Feedback and recommendations made by the Western Cape Provincial Government, have been considered for inclusion in the Final IDP and Budget.

# Joint District and Metro Approach (JDMA) Review of Overberg Implementation Plan

The JDMA is a geographical district and team-based, citizen focused approach, with a single implementation plan to provide developmental initiatives and government services to the people, and the key principle being Collaboration: co-planning, co-budgeting, co-implementation that translate to service delivery in communities.

The JDMA created a collaborative space which enabled a conducive environment to effect projects ultimately to positively impact the lives of the people of the Overberg Region.

## JDMA OBJECTIVES

- To promote horizontal interface between Western Cape Government (WCG) Departments;
- To promote vertical interface between national, provincial and local government;
- To enhance co-planning, co-budgeting and co-implementation to ensure the silo approach is minimized;
- To avoid duplication and maximizing impact through combined coordination

efforts;

- To enhance alignment of long-term and short-term planning as well as alignment between different sectoral planning;
- To strengthen and enhance the capacity to support local government;
- To promote sustainable development in order to contribute to equality, poverty eradication and job creation;
- To ensure increased oversight over financial management and monitoring, including budgeting and expenditure controls; and
- To strengthen monitoring and evaluation of project implementation.

## JDMA IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The JDMA Principles and JDMA Implementation Strategy with catalytic projects were unanimously supported, adopted and endorsed by the District Coordinating Forum Technical (DCF Tech) and DCF in the Overberg on 30 June 2021.

The Strategy is a static document that will be updated as conditions change. Strategic processes and principles also taken into

consideration:

- District Economic Recovery Strategy
- Provincial Strategic Priorities
- Provincial Economic Recovery Plan
- Transversal priorities
- SDF and IDP (newly developed District SDF adopted in tandem with 5-year IDP on 30 May 2022)

On 24 May 2022, an Overberg JDMA Interface Team Consultative Session was held with the view to reviewing the Overberg JDMA Implementation Strategy.

An overview was presented in terms of the implementation of JDMA projects, the status, and progress to date.

This was followed by a 'wellness' presentation which addresses an approach to integrating mental health in the JDMA. Key priorities as identified in Overberg IDPs were evaluated, and a 'long list' of projects per municipality identified. A scoring criteria is to be applied to each identified project, for the final 'long list' of projects to be presented to the DCFTech and DCF.



## ODM Council adopts new IDP and related documents

### 5TH GENERATION INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP) 2022/2023 – 2026/2027

On 28 March 2022 a Draft 5th Generation IDP for the five-year period of 2022/2023 to 2026/2027, was tabled to Council and published for comment till 30 April 2022. In terms of Section 25 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000), Council adopted the 5th Generation Integrated Development Plan (IDP) for 2022/2023 to 2026/2027, on 30 May 2022. This IDP will serve as the incumbent Council's 5-year Strategic Plan. Since the adoption of the Local Government:

Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000) this represents the 5th Generation of Integrated Development Planning and requires strategic planning for the next five years, with budgets allocated to projects for the first three years.

The latter stems from Section 26(h) of the Municipal Systems Act and relates to the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) cycle.

### MEDIUM-TERM REVENUE & EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK (MTREF) BUDGET 2022/2023 – 2024/2025

In terms of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA), 2003 (Act

56 of 2003), Council adopted the Three-Year Budget for 2022/2023 to 2024/2025, on 30 May 2022.

### MUNICIPAL SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (MSDF) (2022)

In terms of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000), Chapter 4, section 12 of the Spatial and Land Use Planning Act, and section 10 of the Western Cape Land Use Planning Act, 2014 (Act 13 of 2014), Council adopted the Municipal Spatial Development Framework for the Overberg District Municipality on 30 May 2022.

The IDP, Budget and MSDF can be viewed on the municipal website at [www.odm.org.za](http://www.odm.org.za).



# IDP awareness raised in the workplace

As part of the District Awareness Campaign and public participation process, the IDP & Communications Department invited both permanent and temporary workers to attend a District IDP Awareness Workshop in the Council Chamber on 26 April 2022.

Attendees were presented with an overview of the distinct roles and functions of a District and a Local Municipality, as well as the District's Draft 5th Generation Integrated Development Plan (IDP) for the five-year period of 2022/23 – 2026/27.

The Deputy Executive Mayor, Cllr Helen Coetzee, welcomed and encouraged everyone to engage and participate in the day's proceedings, emphasising the importance of integrated development planning and associated processes.

The Acting Municipal Manager, Mr Patrick Oliver, confirmed that numerous pieces of legislation govern the IDP process. However, his advice is to consult The White Paper on Local Government which encapsulates the entire process as well as the need for integrated development planning.



*Ms Vanessa Zeeman, IDP Manager and facilitator of the session, addressing the attendees during the workshop.*

Ms Vanessa Zeeman, the workshop facilitator, highlighted the functions of the ODM that have a direct impact on the lives of all inhabitants in the region, whether through services such as roads maintenance, municipal health services, environmental

management, firefighting and disaster management services, social development, or regional economic development and tourism.

Participants were encouraged to inspect the Draft IDP and Budget and make use of the public comment period.

## No more masks: Repeal of regulations on the critical control measures to contain the spread of Covid-19

***South Africans no longer need to wear face masks, whether indoors or outdoors. Limits on gatherings and people entering the country have also been dropped.***

The South African Minister of Health, Dr Joe Phaahla, repealed regulations on the critical control measures to contain the spread of Covid-19.

Since the first nationwide lockdown on 16th March 2020 there have been five waves of COVID-19. The fifth wave, which ended in June, was very small with a much smaller death rate.

According to the Minister, just over 50% of the population has received one dose of vaccine, with a big turnout amongst the elderly. In addition, the Omicron variant, which drove the fourth wave with its rapid spread affecting the highest number of people over a very short period, led to increased natural immunity in a large portion of the population.

Following the lifting of the National State of Disaster at the end of the fourth wave, and the subsequent 'smaller' fifth wave which showed a significant decline in daily cases, hospitalizations and deaths, the National Department of Health approached the NCCC



and the National Health Council with a proposal to limit the regulations dealing with:

- Wearing of masks indoors
- Limitations of gatherings
- Vaccination proof or PCR negative tests at Ports of Entry

The Minister repealed these regulated practices on Wednesday, 22 June 2022.

Practices like hand-sanitising and wearing

of masks are still good for high risk spaces e.g., clinics.

The Minister also stated the following on Covid-19: "The Covid-19 virus is not yet gone, it is still in our midst, we are just stronger than before especially with vaccination and we urge those not yet vaccinated to come forward and those due for boosters to also come forward."

# EPWP assistance for municipal health services

A Municipal Health By-Law was promulgated for the Overberg District Municipality in the Provincial Gazette 78126 of 15 July 2019.

The purpose of the by-law is to ensure effective management of Municipal Health Services and the control of health factors that can be harmful to the health of people within the area of jurisdiction of the Overberg District Municipality (which includes the municipal areas of Cape Agulhas, Overstrand, Swellendam and Theewaterskloof) and to ensure that these health factors are avoided or, where it cannot be altogether avoided, are minimized and remedied.

In terms of this by-law, all premises listed in this article must have a Health Certificate to operate such a premises and the health certificate must be renewed annually. All premises must comply with this by-law. The health certificate confirms that a premises complies with all health requirements on a specific date in terms of this by-law.

The following premises are required to have a health certificate to carry on with their trade:

- Child care centres and early childhood development centres
- Children's homes
- Nursing homes
- Healthcare risk waste generators
- Old age homes
- School premises
- Accommodation establishments such as guest houses or any other premises where accommodation is provided with or without meals.



EPWP participants who will assist Municipal Health Services, with EPWP Data Capturer, Ms Ynoma Jacobs (middle).

- Beauty salons including hairdressers
- Offensive trades such as panel beating and spray painting, scrap yards and scrap dealing, waste recycling plants, breweries, premises storing manure, super phosphate or fertilizers, slaughtering of animals and other obnoxious premises as listed.
- Health establishments such as clinics and hospitals.

The ODM employed nine participants through the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) to assist with surveying such premises in terms of compliance, in the Cape Agulhas Area.

This initiative provides much needed support to the Municipal Health Services Department in their monitoring, compliance and data collection efforts.

The municipality aims to roll out this initiative in the other local municipal areas as well.

All potential and existing owners of premises must make sure that they adhere to all the requirements applicable to the activity they intend to operate and apply on a prescribed application form for the issuing of a Health Certificate.

General requirements are that premises must always be maintained in a clean, hygienic and good condition, all machinery, tools and vehicles should always be maintained in a clean, hygienic and good condition, and waste accumulation should be prevented on the premises.

NB: An application fee for the 2022/2023 financial year of R950.00 is applicable.

## Raising Covid-19 awareness by educating unemployed residents



Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the Overberg District Municipality, as part of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), hosted a Covid-19 Community Awareness Workshop on 25 and 26 May 2022 at the Glaskasteel Community Hall in Bredasdorp.

The purpose of the two-day session was to educate unemployed residents about the coronavirus and measures to protect oneself

and others from getting infected.

Mr Harry Zass, EPWP Coordinator for the Overberg district, facilitated the session on day one, conducting participant induction to 46 EPWP participants from the Bredasdorp area.

The induction provided an overview of the programme and its operations. Mr Zass also explained the Ministerial Determination for EPWP, which stipulates the standard terms

and conditions of employment for participants employed in the Expanded Public Works Programme.

Ms Gina Mentoor and Ms Ynoma Jacobs facilitated the session on day two. Mr Xavier Engel presented on the impact of Covid-19 in communities and effective measures to stop the spread of the virus.

The trainees also received a certificate of attendance for taking part in the workshop.

## Overberg once again well represented at World Travel Market

This year the World Travel Market was hosted from 11 to 13 April at the Cape Town International Convention Centre.

The trade show for travel professionals is part of the Africa Travel Week and its primary goal is to bring the world to Africa and promote Africa to the world's leading source markets.

This African travel expo is the leading global event for the travel industry and the must-attend business-to-business exhibition in Southern Africa for the worldwide travel and tourism industry.

WTM Africa attracts exhibitors from all categories of the leisure travel industry within sub-Saharan Africa as well as North African destinations.

This year, WTM hosted our country of South Africa along with 20 other African countries as well as 12 international countries to showcase everything this travel and tourism market has to offer.

WTM gives exhibitors the opportunity to meet and greet with other tourism stakeholders, product owners from across the



globe, everyone coming together to rebuild tourism. 187 speakers spoke on various travel and tourism related topics in 63 very informative sessions.

The Overberg District Municipality, who also serves as the Regional Tourism Office,

proudly represented the local municipalities and hosted many conversations with visitors who displayed interest in the region and its activities. Plenty of networking took place and many friendships were built through this event.

## Gender Based Violence Awareness sessions provide valuable insight

Several Gender Based Violence information workshops were held across the district with the overall purpose to increase the participants' knowledge and understanding of the concepts of gender, sexuality, and gender-based violence.

The workshops outlined the various forms of GBV, victims' rights and referral pathways available.

Programmes at these sessions further included counselling support available and social and support networks.

These sessions were jointly facilitated by the ODM, Mosaic and CROWA and brought together close to 80 participants which included members of the public and professionals.

Participants were keen to engage and to better understand the cycle of GBV as well as discuss the types of interventions needed.

Teams across the board echoed the need for the establishment of support groups and this will be the second phase of intervention for the district.



## RED & SCM offer registration services at summit

The Cape Agulhas Municipality's Local Economic Development and Tourism Department hosted an Entrepreneurial Summit in Bredasdorp on 1 June 2022.

The aim of the summit was to provide local businesses and entrepreneurs with support and to inform them on opportunities that can be accessed through the Local Municipality, District Municipality, Provincial Government, institutions and service providers such as CIDB, Commercial Banks, SARS, SEDA, WESGRO and others.

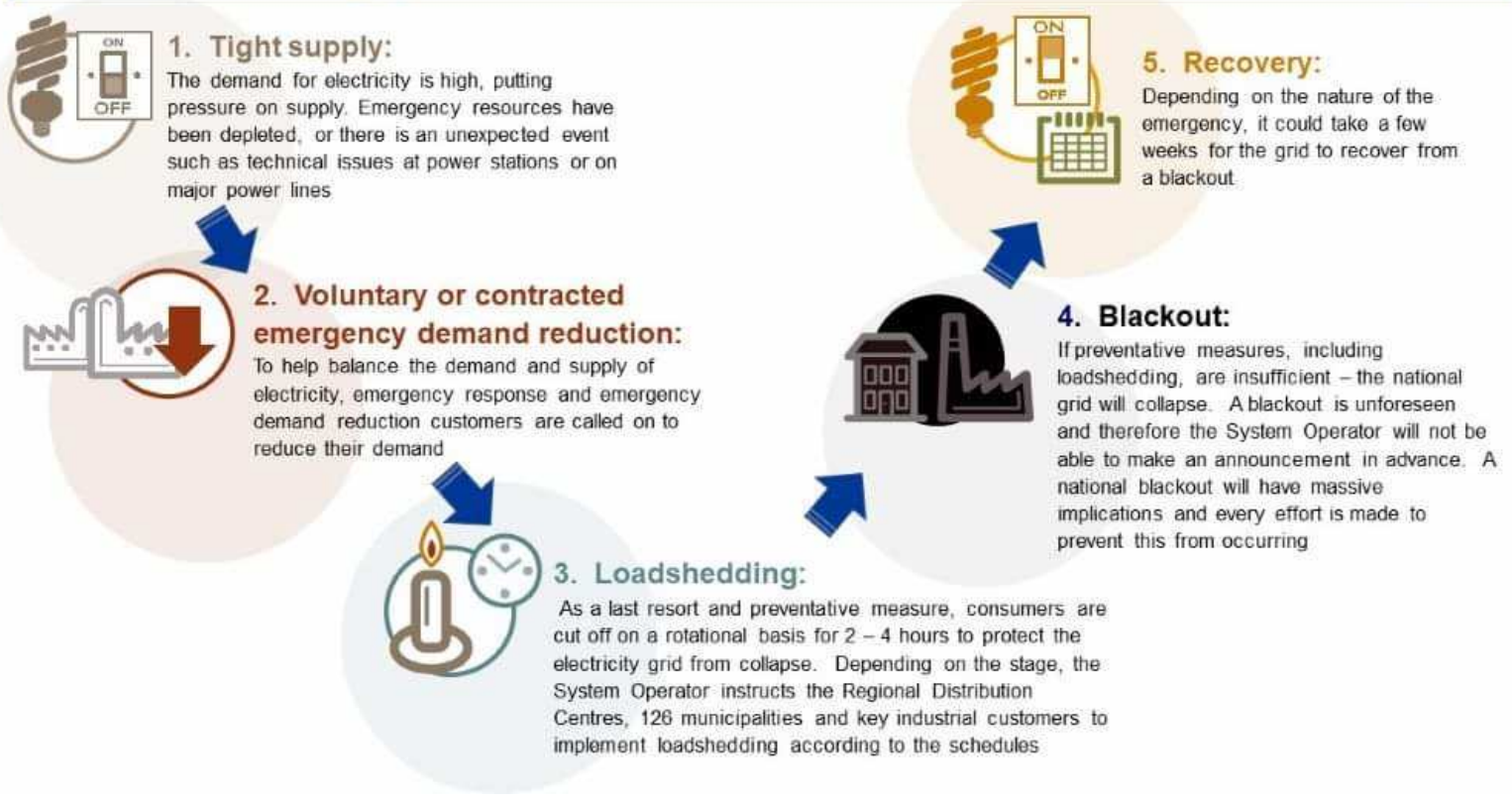
Through effective partnership with the Cape Agulhas Municipality, the Regional Economic Development and Supply Chain Management departments of the Overberg District Municipality used this opportunity to provide database registration services to interested parties.

As per the RED and SCM departments' Open Day initiative, they assist entrepreneurs with registering on the central supplier database and advising on tender document completion.

It also exposes the business community to all the opportunities available to do business with the Municipality.



# The loadshedding process



## WHAT SHOULD I DO DURING LOAD SHEDDING?

**MAKE USE OF SURGE PROTECTION**

The greatest cause of damage to equipment from a power outage is from electrical surges. Installing a surge protection device can help minimise some damage in unforeseen situations when the power goes off or is restored.

**BACK IT UP**

When working on a computer, back up important data and save your work incrementally so that you don't lose your work/files during load shedding.

**UNPLUG YOUR CABLES**

It is vital to unplug computer power cables from the sockets, as well as telephone cables from the modem when there is an imminent power outage. This applies to all sensitive equipment.

**PORTABLE MODEM**

You can either use a 3G internet dongle or your smart phone as a modem for your laptop to keep you connected to the internet during load shedding.

**FULLY CHARGE YOUR BATTERIES**

Make sure that your laptop battery is fully charged and that your smart phone and tablet have enough battery life.

**ELECTRIC FENCING**

To ensure that your electric fencing continues to function during load shedding, your electric fence and electric gate battery should have a back-up battery.

**INVEST IN A UPS**

A UPS not only acts as a back-up battery for your PC in the event of a power failure, but it also regulates the amount of power that your computer receives. Use as per product instructions. Do not reverse the feed; this is dangerous as your earth leakage will not function.

**BE VIGILANT**

Ensure that you are especially alert when arriving at or leaving your home in the evenings, as the street lights and your outside lighting will not be functioning during the load shedding process.

**LIGHTING**

A battery powered torch is essential in every household. Candles and matches must be used with care as they can cause fires.

**FIRST-AID KIT**

Make sure your kit is stocked and store it in an easily accessible place for the family to reach it during a power outage.