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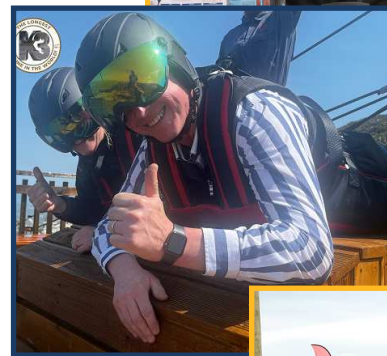
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5-YEAR STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2022/23 - 2026/27

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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New Speaker Elected for Overberg District Municipal Council

During a Council Meeting held on Monday, 30 September, Cllr Archie Klaas was elected as the new Speaker of the ODM Council.

Cllr Klaas, who has been an ODM councillor since 2016 and served as Deputy Executive Mayor during the previous term, was elected overwhelmingly by council members during the meeting held in the Council Chamber at the ODM Head Office.

The position of Speaker of Council was vacant since former Speaker, Lincoln de Bruyn, left the position to take up a new position at the Theewaterskloof Municipality.

In his acceptance speech, Cllr Klaas expressed his thankfulness for his election as Speaker.

“Thank you to the DA for choosing me to be their Speaker candidate. Thank to ODM Council for choosing me to be their Speaker, such a humbling opportunity. I fully understand the extra ordinary importance of this position.”

INTEGRITY OF ODM COUNCIL EXTREMELY IMPORTANT

Cllr Klaas reflected on former Speaker Ald Lincoln De Bruyn’s term and the important role he played not only as the Speaker of Council, but also as fellow councillor who shared his experience with the rest. “Ald de Bruyn was both my mentor and role model. I learnt so much from him. He has done amazing work and laid the foundation for this Council in terms of proper conduct and working together as a team.”

Cllr Klaas stated that ODM has one of the most comprehensive Rules of Order which helps to regulate the meetings and he also believes that the council is able to further improve in terms of the actions that it encapsulates.

“Section 37 of the Structures Act emphasizes the need for ethics and accountability. To hold high ethical and accountability standards is super important,” said Cllr Klaas.



He continued by highlighting that, “Training and development of Councillors is very much important for me, personally. We must empower our Councillors more. And Council must have awards to appreciate and celebrate our staff members.”

REFORMS

Cllr Klaas announced that he will have standing meetings with the Whips of the different political parties in ODM to proactively manage concerns together and thereby promoting a culture of good governance.

Further to his vision for his tenure as Speaker, Cllr Klaas intends to introduce Special Community Linked Seatings. “Our communities must experience their Council. Schools debating societies must come and debate in these Council Chambers. Personally, I chose to champion the Men's Sector in Overberg. Men must dialog on how to be better husbands and fathers,” stated Cllr Klaas.

**During the same meeting, the ODM Council also welcomed Cllr Carol de Bruyn Benjamin from Theewaterskloof Municipality, who was sworn in as a new councillor.*



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



Ald Cynthia Clayton
GOOD

Frieda Lloyd

A Passionate Promoter of the Overberg

Frieda Lloyd, the newly appointed Manager: LED, Tourism & Resorts, is no stranger to the Overberg tourism sector.

An avid explorer and promoter, her free time is centered around the offerings of the Overberg, from swimming in the tidal pools, hiking in the mountains and along the coast, appreciating wines from the five wine routes in the Overberg and reading books especially those by our many local authors. For Frieda, every day spent in this beautiful part of the world is like a holiday.

Born and raised in the Western Cape, Frieda's love for the province runs deep. Having studied at Stellenbosch University where she completed a BCom Degree and Diploma in Teaching, Frieda's career took a significant turn with the purchase of a home in Vermont.

"After gaining teaching experience in Port Elizabeth, I returned to Cape Town and taught at the College of Cape Town. My career then took a westward turn as I worked at Saldanha Steel, focusing on contractor development and community liaison. A move to Somerset West brought about a career shift into international trade law. However, my relocation to the Overberg sparked a renewed passion for the region, leading me to explore opportunities in the wine industry, fynbos marketing, and ultimately, tourism. During this time, I also had the privilege of lecturing part-time at Boland College in Hermanus and Kleinmond, where I formed lasting connections with my students. Eight eventful years heading up Overstrand Tourism preceded my move to the Overberg District Municipality."

Frieda recently had the privilege of representing the Overberg region at the State of the Province address. Additionally, she has been instrumental



in promoting Western Cape Tourism on a marketing campaign to Germany. In academia, she has co-authored a Public Sector textbook and served as a national examiner for marketing management. Furthermore, Frieda's expertise in the field has led her to guide a delegation of fynbos farmers on an agricultural visit to the United Kingdom.

When asked about her vision for her new position, she highlights contributing to the sustainable growth and development of the region's tourism industry. "I aim to contribute to a thriving environment where tourism businesses can flourish, local communities benefit, and the Overberg's natural beauty and cultural heritage are promoted."

Her goals for this position include: Marketing the Overberg as a premier tourism destination; Supporting the growth and development of local tourism businesses through assistance and mentorship to entrepreneurs and businesses in the tourism sector; Enhancing the sustainability of tourism practices; and Fostering relationships with local stakeholders, government agencies, and industry organizations to drive tourism development.

Welcome, Celeste Domingo

Celeste Domingo was appointed as the new Manager: Contract, Legal, ICT, Building Maintenance and Support.

Born in Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth), Celeste is not only well-experienced, but also well-travelled, having lived in Cape Town, George, Ladismith and Humansdorp in pursuit of education, training and work opportunities during her lifetime.

“I am an educator by nature and started my working career as a high school educator at the Humansdorp Senior Secondary School. I have worked at Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, the Garden Route District Municipality and Kannaland Municipality.”

Apart from her early work educator, Celeste also has extensive experience in the municipal environment having held positions in various fields such as Integrated Development Planning, Local Economic Development, Public Participation, Performance Management Systems and Intergovernmental Relations.

“I love studying and believe in life long learning. Though I have focused my energy on mentoring and coaching in later years. I am an educator, an environmentalist, a legal practitioner, an administrator, a facilitator and an assessor. I have written extensively through the Integrated Development Planning processes and translated these plans into successfully implemented projects. My career highlights have included coaching and mentoring the youth in setting the example of good governance practice in local government no matter what.”

In her new position, Celeste states that her field of research will focus on integrating digital ICT systems with the operational business concern of council, particularly focusing on MSCOA, Supply Chain, data classification, storage and security and GIS systems which supports a Building Management function while

continuously improving on ICT infrastructure security, access and improved digital capabilities and skills thereby contributing to a financially sustainable district municipality.

Celeste says that she and her family have all settled in well in the Overberg, having chosen the beautiful little village of Napier as their place of residence. “We have made the Overberg our home now. My family enjoys nature, swimming, hiking and we enjoy all types of music. I have a flair for the arts and spent many hours during my youth at the Toynbee Ballet school.”

Her favorite quote comes from Oscar Wilde, who said ‘*Experience is simply the name we give our mistakes,*’ which aligns with her belief of continuing to learn and grow.



Career Open Day: Empowering Staff to Explore Learning Opportunities

The Overberg District Municipality is dedicated to the upskilling and education of its employees. To this effect, it is imperative to provide staff with platforms for opportunities to enhance their skills and knowledge, and to further their education.

The ODM's Human Resources Department spearheaded the Career Open Day, which was held on Wednesday, 21 August 2024 at the Thusong Center in Bredasdorp. The event was aimed at equipping employees with essential insights and opportunities for their future endeavours. The open day, which was facilitated by ODM's Skills Development Facilitator, Zoë Feni, proved to be an invaluable experience for the employees from the different departments in the municipality.

The primary goal of this event was to offer employees with opportunity to plan their career by interacting with various learning institutions and other educational stakeholders for further education, and at the same time to assist in choosing an appropriate career path and explore funding / bursary opportunities available.

Through engaging presentations and interactive sessions, employees were exposed to various career paths, learning opportunities, and educational prospects.

Educational institutions who attended the event offered valuable advice on career selection, university applications, as well as the importance

of self-discipline. Topics ranging from choosing the right learning and career path to bursaries and application processes were thoroughly explored, enriching the staff members understanding of their future learning prospects.



Vanessa Zeeman, Director Corporate Services, praised the collaborative effort behind the successful Career Open Day, commending the partnership between ODM and the various learning institutions. She highlighted the event's role in inspiring and guiding employees towards their future career endeavours, acknowledging the institutions' contributions in shaping the employees' aspirations and providing valuable insights into diverse career options.

Through such initiatives, the collective effort continues to inspire and empower all members of the ODM staff, ensuring a better future for all.



Highlighting the Climate Change Challenges for the Overberg



The Overberg Climate Change & Biodiversity Indaba, held on 21 and 22 August 2024, marked a critical moment for addressing the pressing challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss and management in the Overberg District.

Central to the event was the powerful collaboration between key partners including the Western Cape Government Department of Environmental Affairs & Development Planning (DEA&DP), South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI), Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), and the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) who united to drive forward a shared agenda of climate resilience in the Overberg District.

Throughout the Indaba, discussions underscored the need for coordinated action, with Rabelani Tshikalanke (SALGA) and Mikateko Sithole (DFFE) emphasising the pivotal role of local governments in implementing the Climate Change Act and aligning with national climate goals. Mr. Gerard Van Weele (DEA&DP) provided a detailed forecast of the district's vulnerabilities, stressing the importance of integrating climate risks into municipal planning. SANBI's insights on ecological infrastructure further highlighted the role of natural systems as vital defenses against climate impacts.

The key commitments made during the Indaba are set to be translated into a comprehensive implementation plan, underpinned by targeted programmes aimed at mapping the district's climate resilience and biodiversity management. This implementation plan will focus on concrete actions, including the identification of strategic climate projects, the development of an ecological infrastructure inventory, and the alignment of sector plans for cohesive climate action.

The collective efforts of the DFFE, DEA&DP, SANBI and SALGA will ensure that these commitments are not merely conceptual but operationalised through structured programmes. These programmes will institutionalise climate responsibility across sectors, enhance compliance awareness, and strengthen the district's capacity to protect its ecological infrastructure. By embedding climate resilience and biodiversity management into everyday governance, this partnership will lay the groundwork for a sustainable and adaptable future in the Overberg District.

This Indaba represents a significant turning point, where the commitments made will evolve into actionable programmes, fostering a more resilient and ecologically vibrant district.

New Rural Ambulance Station to Boost Emergency Medical Care in Theewaterskloof

On 12 August 2024, Western Cape Minister of Health and Wellness, Mireille Wenger, officially opened the new R8.45 million Villiersdorp Ambulance Station. This which will ensure that emergency medical services are better able to serve residents in the town and neighbouring communities and provides additional resources for medical staff.

Villiersdorp is a large farming community with a population that has grown over recent years.

Speaking at the opening, Minister Wenger said, “The establishment of this EMS ambulance station is a critical step in rendering an effective pre-hospital emergency medical service for Villiersdorp and its surrounding communities in the Theewaterskloof municipality. This is part of our effort to address the needs of rural communities in the Western Cape where ambulances travel great distances and response times can be slower. This brand-new ambulance station will help improve access and response times, which can be lifesaving when residents are critically ill or injured.”

The space designed for the new EMS facility was previously used for the Villiersdorp Willa Clinic, which has since been replaced by the new Villiersdorp Clinic. The facility is home to three ambulance vehicles and patients in Villiersdorp



are transported to Caledon and Worcester Hospitals. In addition, the community also has access to one Healthnet vehicle (for non-emergency transport) to transport patients to other healthcare facilities.

EMS District Manager, Ivan Naidoo, has welcomed the addition of the new building. “The opening of this building marks a huge stride by the Western Cape Department of Health and Wellness Emergency Medical Services towards improving service delivery to our residents while empowering our staff. This new building will house approximately 16 EMS practitioners and one manager to provide quality emergency medical services to the Villiersdorp community and surrounding areas 24 hours a day. Our staff work shifts to provide emergency medical care to approximately 15 000 people and respond to approximately 500 calls per month.”

In addition, the new facility will significantly reduce travel costs and provide staff with access to training opportunities directly from the EMS base rather than staff needing to travel to Cape Town.





Grabouw GBV Ambassadors Ready to **MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE**

The Western Cape Department of Social Development (DSD) launched its Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Ambassador model during a ceremony held on 06 August 2024, in Grabouw.

This is the third model of its kind in the province, as part of the Department's commitment to supporting victims of GBV.

The 13 GBV ambassadors – who are trained volunteers from the community – will provide information about victim support programmes and services available for the intervention and prevention of GBV to residents in Grabouw. They comprise of members of the Grabouw Community Policing Forum (CPF), community members, and safety parents.

DSD has worked with the Department of Police Oversight and Community Safety; the Overberg District Municipality; the Theewaterskloof Municipality; DSD's partner NGO Glen Elgin Community Organisation (GECO), the CPF, and the SAPS to develop this programme.

The National Prosecuting Authority and another DSD NGO partner hosted workshops to train the volunteers on various topics: GBV awareness and support services; child protection; substance abuse prevention and treatment; and how to do referral forms. DSD and GECO also provided trauma counselling for those who needed it and will continue providing support.

GBV ambassador, Christina Kaptein said: "Many

women suffer due to violence and abuse, the elderly, and even men. I've made it my duty to support those who are vulnerable and those who cannot stand up for themselves. I want to stand up for them, be a voice for them, and help them."

Provincial Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety Anroux Marais addressed the event: "It is very important that any member of the community who becomes aware of an incident, or pattern, of gender-based violence, immediately informs the police. It is the only way of overcoming this scourge. If we all work together, we can beat crime in the Western Cape."

"DSD's GBV Ambassador programmes are a perfect example of how active citizenry can assist in building social cohesion and improving the well-being of the community. When government works with community members and partners such as GECO, SAPS, the CPF, and the municipality, we can make a real difference. We also cannot be in every home or every street. These ambassadors play a crucial role in ensuring GBV victims know that there is support available for them, and they may be more willing to seek help when they hear about it from someone in the community. Thank you to the ambassadors for volunteering their time to an amazing cause," said Provincial Minister of Social Development Jaco Londt.

Tourism Month: Overberg has it all!

South Africa celebrates Tourism Month annually in September with the aim to focus on the importance of tourism to the economy of South Africa.

Tourism Month encourage South Africans to travel domestically to sustain jobs and support the recovery of tourism in line with the Tourism Sector Recovery Plan.

Tourism Month is a crucial period, from a domestic perspective. It serves as an opportunity to promote domestic tourism. It creates a culture of travel amongst South Africans to gain a better understanding of the affordable, exciting and world-class attractions that are available on their own doorstep. Tourism Month provides the tourism industry with the opportunity for a heightened focus on the importance of tourism to the local economy.

Western Cape Premier Alan Winde kicked off tourism month in the Overberg region when he visited tourist attractions in the Cape Agulhas area on Tuesday, 3 September.

The Premier was accompanied by the ODM Executive Mayor Sakkie Franken and Cape Agulhas Municipality Executive Mayor Raymond Ross. The visit started at the Shipwreck Museum

in Bredasdorp, South Africa's only Shipwreck Museum, renowned for its collection of artifacts and photographs that provide a unique glimpse into the history of the 150 ships that were met by an untimely end along the Cape's tumultuous coast.

The delegates then paid a visit to Kapula Candles, a manufacturer of vibrant handmade and hand-painted candles, and a tour of Floraland, who specializes in local custom dried and preserved flowers in Bredasdorp.

The Premier's trip also include visits to local wine and berry farms in the surrounding area.



"We need to encourage all South Africans to get behind local tourism and show people how they can contribute to tourism through cultural preservation and learning more about the different cultures that grace our beautiful country."

Premier Alan Winde



K3 Launched: Overberg is home to the World's Longest Zipline!

On 23 September, SA Forest Adventures welcomed Western Cape leadership, including Dr. Ivan Meyer, Mayor Sakkie Franken, and Minister Ricardo Mackenzie, to officially launch its record-breaking 3km zipline!

Situated in the stunning Klein Swartberg Conservancy, a mere 1-hour drive from Cape Town and just outside Caledon on the N2, K3 offers an adrenaline-pumping adventure with breathtaking views of the Overberg.

The K3 zipline descends from a peak in the Caledon mountains down to the farmlands below, offering the most breathtaking panoramic views of the region's green and yellow hills and distant mountain ranges.

Earlier this year, Wesgro released a Report showcasing the Western Cape's potential to become a global hub for adventure tourism, a niche expected to reach a value of \$4.6 trillion by 2032. Defined by the Adventure Travel Trade Association, adventure tourism involves activities that combine physical challenges, natural environments, and cultural experiences.

This growing market appeals to thrill-seekers drawn to activities like water sports, caving, climbing, skydiving, and ziplining. The spike in adventure tourism represents a significant opportunity for economic growth and job creation in the region.



Mayor Franken expressed his excitement for the launch of the record-breaking zipline that is sure to be one of the Overberg's main attractions.



For more information and to book your spot, visit www.saforestadventures.co.za and experience this thrilling once in a lifetime glide!

NAMPO CAPE 2024

A Celebration Of
Agriculture In The
Overberg



The Overberg once again put her best foot forward as we celebrated the 5th annual NAMPO Cape Expo from 11-14 September 2024 in Bredasdorp.

An unbelievable 45,800 visitors attended the NAMPO Cape over the four days, setting a new record and improving on last year's record number of 34,635 visitors, once more cementing its position as the leading agriculture showcase in the Western Cape.

Agriculture serves as the foundation for the Overberg's economy, and that was emphasized by this year's theme, Agriculture: The Backbone of Economic Growth. The agricultural sector is as a vital driver of economic development, feeding millions of people as well as offering employment opportunities for a significant part of the population. "Agriculture significantly influences global trade due to its direct effects on other economic sectors, creating many employment opportunities and fostering economic growth," says Overberg District Municipality's Executive Mayor, Ald Sakkie Franken. This statement is further supported by the networking and partnership opportunities that the NAMPO Cape provides to its different exhibitors each year.

This agricultural exhibition again highlights the region's role in feeding the nation and driving economic growth. Mayor Franken emphasized the importance of NAMPO in showcasing advancements in agriculture and celebrating the people behind its success. "NAMPO Cape is more than just an agricultural exhibition; it's a platform for innovation and networking where all businesses, from farmers to entrepreneurs, can attend and discover how the various pioneering technologies can help you do smarter business."



Mayor Franken got up-close with some of the livestock at this year's NAMPO Cape. Here he is with Dirk du Toit from Ou Plaas, Malgas.



Premier of the Western Cape, Alan Winde, together with Provincial Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism, Dr Ivan Meyer, and Overberg District Municipality Executive Mayor, Ald Sakkie Franken, joined the 'Agri in Conversation' live shows and participated in the thought-provoking discussions.

This year's NAMPO Cape showcased the vibrant agricultural landscape of the Overberg region, featuring a diverse range of activities and thought-provoking discussions. From the exciting new Sheepdog Expo to the famous South African Lipizzaners who mesmerized visitors with their spectacular movements, as well as the astounding floral arrangements and Fynbos exhibitions.

The Agri in Conversation program provided exciting and informative discussions on issues affecting agriculture. A panel discussion focused on the topic "What Works in the Western Cape?", exploring successful agricultural practices and strategies in the province. Mayor Franken emphasised the importance of strong partnerships between local government and the farming community, highlighting that by working together both parties can leverage limited resources to achieve more significant outcomes.

The importance of youth in agriculture was also highlighted through the Provincial Department of Agriculture's schools program. This year's women's program was once again packed with celebrity guests and entertainers.

It is truly exciting to see how the NAMPO Cape goes from strength to strength each year, serving as a staple of economic empowerment for the Overberg region.



Mr John Steenhuisen, National Minister of Agriculture, Ms Lily Chen, Director-General of Taipei Liaison Office in Cape Town and ODM Executive Mayor, Ald Sakkie Franken at the recent NAMPO Cape Expo held at Bredasdorp Park.



SUPPORTING AGRICULTURE THROUGH SERVICE DELIVERY

Agriculture serves as the foundation of Overberg's economy, where farmers cultivate a diverse array of crops and livestock. The region is particularly known for its production of wheat, barley, oats, canola, and various fruit orchards.

The Overberg, with its vibrant communities and rural charm, offers bountiful farmland and economic opportunities, establishing the area as a prime agricultural hub and tourist destination.

The Overberg District Municipality supports the farming community through its external services:

FIRE & DISASTER MANAGEMENT

- Offering support and resources for managing agricultural risks and disasters, such as droughts and floods, including early warning systems and emergency response.
- Our Fire department in collaboration with Greater Overberg Fire Protection Association, provide several crucial services to farmers to help manage and mitigate fire risks. **These services include:** Fire Prevention and Safety Education; Firefighting Services; Emergency Response and Rescue; Fire Risk Assessment; Support for Controlled Burns; Collaboration with Agricultural Agencies.
- These services are essential for minimizing fire risks and ensuring a swift response when incidents occur, ultimately helping to protect agricultural property, livelihoods and food security.

MUNICIPAL HEALTH SERVICES

- Water Quality Monitoring to determine compliance with SANS 241, in farming communities, schools, milking sheds & cholera monitoring in rivers.
- Abattoir inspections.
- Waste water monitoring to determine oxidation / treatment plants compliance with waste water standards.
- Food Safety Monitoring to certify food premises, farm stalls, milking sheds, cheese producers, issue export certificates & sampling of food products including milk.
- Health promotion on diseases prevention such as health hygiene, food safety & food handlers trainings.
- Communicable diseases surveillance to investigate diseases outbreaks; mostly notifiable diseases.
- Inspections of accommodation establishments to ascertain compliance and issue Health Certifications as per ODM MHS By-law 2019.



ROADS SERVICES

- The Overberg District Municipality maintains 3600kms of Provincial gravel and sealed proclaimed roads in the Overberg area in terms of a Memorandum of Agreement between the ODM and the Provincial Department Infrastructure.
- Responsible for the repair and maintenance of such roads damaged during storms and flooding.



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VOET VAN AFRIKA 2024

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This year's Voet van Afrika marathon took place on Saturday, 21 September. And yet again, it was nothing short of amazing!

It was an incredible day at the Voet van Afrika 2024! The energy, the atmosphere, and most of all, the courage and determination of every athlete, from the pros to the first-timers, were truly inspiring.

The Overberg District Municipality once again had the privilege of manning one of the water points along the half and full marathon trail, and the energy, spirit, and community atmosphere were absolutely electric!

From the early morning setup to cheering on all the brave athletes up to the last runner, our team gave it their all by keeping the water flowing and the vibes high.

We couldn't be more proud to support such a legendary event in the Overberg, celebrating not only fitness but the heart and determination of every participant. And don't forget the beauty of the region's lush countryside!



Not for the faint-hearted

Affectionately known as 'The Toughest Race with the Warmest Heart', the marathon has become a staple of the Overberg, annually drawing in thousands of athletes from across the country, and the world, who wish to take on Africa's southernmost marathon.

The race dates back to 1977 – when the Bredasdorp Athletics Club was established. At the time, an icon named Eps Joubert was chair of the club. He sparked the idea to start a truly Overberg marathon; a unique race given our special location close to Africa's southernmost tip.

And so, in October 1978, the FIRST Voet van Afrika Marathon was held.

The race consists of four categories - the 42km marathon, the 21km half marathon and the 10km which all take place on the Saturday, and then the 4km fun run/walk (also known as the 'Toontjie') which takes place on the Friday.

Water stations are placed at regular intervals along the routes for the supply of water, coke and oranges to the runners. Medical assistance is also provided at the water station.

The ODM is proud to be a partner of the Voet van Afrika and we're already looking forward to next year's marathon!



Congratulations to Zizipho Mahangu and Lukho Magadla, from the ODM's Supply Chain Management and Finance departments respectively, who completed the 10km marathon!





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