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The **OVERBERG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY** has the following vacancies in the Directorate: Community Services, Department: Roads Services to be filled as soon as possible.

SUPERVISOR/DRIVER (1X SWELLENDAM)

T-grade	Salary scale
T-7	R211 428 per annum plus the normal fringe benefits of a local authority

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER (3X CONTRACT APPOINTMENTS OF 12 MONTHS) (REF. N0. MHS/9/2025)

Salary: Cost to company
R263 333 per annum

Please visit our website at www.odm.org.za for the detailed advertisement and information regarding the application process.

Closing date: 17 October 2025

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Please be advised that the following bids are currently advertised on the Overberg District Municipality's website and on National Treasury's Tender E-portal.



Visit the following websites to view the advertisements:

www.odm.org.za/tenders-quotations-available or www.etenders.gov.za

For enquiries, please contact the SCM office:

Mrs. L Siyeka at 028 425 1157 or via email: lsiyeka@odm.org.za

Bid number	Bid description	Date of tender document availability	Site meeting / Briefing session	Closing date
T20-2024	Supply, service and repairs to boilers, burners, hot- & cold-water tanks, heat exchangers, circulation pumps and all other parts pertaining to hot water systems at Die Dam & Uilenkraalsmond holiday resorts for the period ending 30 June 2027	Wednesday, 17 September 2025 08:00am	By arrangement Email: ccloete@odm.org.za or kmolendorff@odm.org.za	Monday 25 November 2024

MR R BOSMAN
MUNICIPAL MANAGER



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:



Ald Andries Franken
Executive Mayor
DA



Ald Helen Coetzee
Deputy Executive Mayor
DA



Ald Lindile Ntsabo
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



Ald Annelie Rabie
DA



Ald Mbogeni Nomkoko
ANC



Cllr Unathi Mabulu
DA



Cllr Melanie Du Plessis
ANC



Cllr Dawid Julius
DA



Cllr Mlameli Mokotwana
ANC



Cllr Cuan Elgin
VF+



Cllr Bongiwe Mkhwibiso
ANC



Cllr Jacobus van Staden
VF+



Cllr Connie Tafu-Nwonkwo
ANC



Cllr Bongani Songwenqwe
GOOD



Cllr Jonathan Smit
DA



Ald Derick Appel
ANC

LOCAL OLD AGE HOME RECEIVES WHEELCHAIRS & WALKING FRAMES, BOOSTING RESIDENT MOBILITY AND INDEPENDENCE



Residents of the Liefdesnessie Centre for the Elderly are set to experience enhanced mobility and independence following a generous donation of wheelchairs and walking frames. The South African Local Government Association (SALGA) in the western Cape, with support from the Overberg District Municipality and the Cape Agulhas Municipality, hosted a Donation Handover ceremony in celebration of Nelson Mandela Day on Friday, 18 July 2025.

The Liefdesnessie Centre for the Elderly was established in 1985 by a social worker and the local churches that identified the needs in the community. Liefdesnessie is an institution that provides food and recreation for the elderly as well as disabled persons.

The donation was formalized through a symbolic handover ceremony and highlighted the positive impact that it will have on the lives of the residents.

The donation of these items was facilitated by SALGA Western Cape and were specifically chosen to meet the needs of the residents. These items will enable residents to participate more fully in daily activities, social events, and access to various facilities. The donation also included grocery hampers, which will help address the nutritional needs of the residents.

A SALGA Western Cape spokesperson, stated, "We are thrilled to be able to contribute to the well-being of the residents at the Liefdesnessie. These wheelchairs will make a tangible difference in their daily lives, promoting greater freedom and social interaction."

There were tears of joy and laughter all around as the beneficiaries received their new wheelchairs and walking frames. A member of the Liefdesnessie's executive committee expressed gratitude for the donation, saying, "This is a wonderful gift that will significantly improve the quality of life for our residents. We are deeply appreciative of the generosity and support from SALGA and the Municipalities."



ON TRACK FOR GROWTH - WESTERN CAPE LAUNCHES OVERBERG RAIL FREIGHT PILOT

On 23 July 2025, Western Cape Mobility Minister, Isaac Sileku, hosted the launch of the Overberg Freight Rail Business Case and Implementation Plan pilot project in Bredasdorp. The business case is the first step towards revitalising freight rail along one of the Western Cape's most significant agricultural corridors.



The initiative, co-designed with agricultural producers, freight owners, logistics operators, investors, and government partners, aims to reconnect the Caledon farming hub with the Belcon Inland Terminal (Bellville Container Terminal) and the Port of Cape Town. Currently, this corridor moves 8.9 million tons of freight annually, almost entirely road-based, with 99.8% transported by truck and just 0.2% by rail (this includes all freight along the corridor, not just agricultural produce).

“The Overberg Freight Rail Business Case is about bringing freight rail back on track and creating a commercially viable, data-driven freight system that cuts logistics costs, reduces congestion on the N2, and positions the Western Cape to triple its export value by 2035,” said Minister Sileku.

“This project represents a turning point for our district. By unlocking rail, we are not just moving freight, we are attracting investment, creating jobs, and strengthening our region’s economy for the long term. The Overberg can once again be a thriving hub for trade, benefitting both our farmers and our communities,” commented Overberg District Mayor, Sakkie Franken.

Stakeholders at the session expressed strong support for the initiative, acknowledging that while challenges exist, such as the current condition of the Overberg rail line, the process now underway will generate the insights and partnerships needed to overcome these barriers. The Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager emphasised the need for targeted investment, public-private partnerships, and coordinated planning to bring the infrastructure up to standard and support a significant shift from road to rail.

The Business Case phase, led by the Western Cape Mobility Department, will run until June 2026. It will focus on validating freight volumes, assessing infrastructure capacity, and securing commitments from cargo owners. If the pilot proves viable, construction and phased operations will begin in late 2026, with a launch expected by 2028.

Key goals of the pilot include:

- Shifting at least 10% of corridor freight (900 000 tons per year) from road to rail, removing an estimated 40 000 truck trips from the N2 annually.
- Reducing exporters’ logistics costs by up to 30% for long-haul shipments, boosting competitiveness for Overberg crops and goods.
- Cutting freight-related carbon emissions by as much as 70% per ton.
- Attracting public-private partnerships to fund and operate services, with reliable two-way cargo flows, export goods outbound, and inputs like packaging and fertiliser inbound.

The project will also explore the long-term opportunity to close the 60 km Proteem–Swellendam rail gap, which could expand the catchment area and improve network efficiency.

Insights from the Overberg pilot will inform the roll-out of similar rail-led logistics solutions across the province, solidifying the Western Cape’s role as South Africa’s leader in sustainable and export-driven freight logistics.

Auditor-General presents awards to Western Cape for excellence in financial management

At the Premier's Coordinating Forum (PCF) in Swellendam on 19 August, the Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA) presented awards to the Western Cape Government (WCG) for outstanding 2023/24 audit outcomes by provincial departments and entities, as well as municipalities.

The awards recognised institutions that achieved clean audits - unqualified audit opinions with no findings - under the Municipal Financial Management Act and the Provincial Financial Management Act. In the 2023/24 financial year, 18 provincial departments and entities and 20 municipalities in the Western Cape achieved this standard, demonstrating strong financial governance and a commitment to quality service delivery.

The Executive Mayor, Ald Sakkie Franken, received the Clean Audit Award on behalf of the Overberg District Municipality.

The Premier's Coordinating Forum is a consultative body that strengthens partnerships between the WCG and municipalities. The focus for this meeting was building up energy and

water security and developing the new safety plan, with the Premier urging the stakeholders to keep stepping up to drive economic growth and job creation.

The Premier also took the opportunity to visit various locations in Swellendam, together with Mayor Franken and other stakeholders. From discussions with local leaders, conducting oversight visits, engaging with businesses like SOILL and SSK, to patrolling with Neighbourhood Watch members, each interaction offered important insights.





Deputy President Paul Mashatile was received by the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development, Mr Mzwanele Nyhontso, the Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, Mr David Mahlobo, the Executive Mayor of the Overberg District Municipality, Ald Sakkie Franken, as well as the Executive Mayor of Theewaterskloof Local Municipality, Ald Lincoln De Bruyn.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT PAUL MASHATILE CONDUCTS A THREE-DAY OVERSIGHT VISIT TO THE OVERBERG DISTRICT

South Africa's Deputy President Paul Mashatile conducted an oversight visit to the Overberg District from 4 to 6 September, with the aim of showcasing government efforts to fast-track the Land Reform Programme, supporting community development initiatives, and leading a national initiative launched to promote cleaner and healthier urban and rural environments through community participation.

Deputy President Mashatile, who also chairs the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Land Reform and Agriculture, has prioritised the undertaking of outreach visits to communities and areas which have benefited from the government's Land Reform Programme, to highlight the commitment to fast-tracking the land restitution and redistribution process, with the overall support for agricultural production and investment in the land.

On Thursday, 4 September, the Deputy President was joined by the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development, Mzwanele Nyhontso when they visited the Klein Ezeljacht Farm 126, situated in the Theewaterskloof Local

Municipality, where they engaged with the farming sector representatives with the aim of assessing the provision of farmer' support to enhance agricultural productivity.

These engagements provide a platform for government to play a meaningful role in providing support to emerging farmers in areas of training, mentorship, and financial assistance.

Mr Mashatile also visited the Theewaterskloof Dam, the largest dam in the Western Cape Water Supply System, where he highlighted the importance of sustainable water management as the backbone of food security and rural livelihoods.



BUFFELJAGSBAAI ROAD UPGRADE COMPLETE: **BOOSTING CONNECTIVITY AND SAFETY**

The long-awaited upgrade of the Divisional Road DR1206 is now complete, promising enhanced connectivity and improved safety for the local community.

The upgrading of the road was identified as a critical project as it provides access to the remote rural community of Buffeljagsbaai and the 2 abalone farms which contribute to job creation and the economy of the area.

The official opening of the road, which cost approximately R70 million to complete, was celebrated during a special ribbon-cutting ceremony which was attended by key provincial and local government role players, led by Western Cape Minister of Infrastructure Tertuis Simmers and Overberg District Municipality Executive Mayor Ald Sakkie Franken.

"The maintenance and upgrading of the roads near Malgas, Buffeljagsbaai and many other places in the province are more than just standard maintenance projects, they are economic enablers," said Minister Simmers.

The Minister emphasized the excellent work done by the district municipality and the importance of working together with local government to ensure further upgrade projects for the future. "It is also a reflection of how the partnership between our department and the Overberg District Municipality, who completed this project within the target period and budget, will unlock further upgrading and improvement opportunities for our roads."

The project took approximately 5 years to complete due to the devastating floods of the past 3 years, resulting in resources that had to be relocated. Practical completion was reached during March 2025.

"This upgrade is a significant step forward in improving the quality of life for our residents and boosting the local economy," said Mayor Franken. "We are proud to have delivered a project that will serve the community for years to come."

Buffeljagsbaai, South Africa – 22 July 2025





Minister Tertuis Simmers together with ODM Executive Mayor Sakkie Franken and other role players during the ribbon cutting ceremony of the newly upgraded Buffeljagsbaai Road.

Minister Simmers checks on progress at Swellendam Regravel Project

Earlier that same day, the Minister also visited the regravelling project of the DR1277 road, situated between Malgas and the N2 near Swellendam. This project was identified through the Western Cape Government's Annual Condition Assessments and subsequent panel inspections, which highlighted the importance of the road as a primary tourism route providing access to the Pont (Ferry), Wit Sand, Malgas and De Hoop Nature Reserve.

The duration of the estimated 25km road to be regravelled, which cost R17 million, is expected to take 14 months with completion projected by March 2026.



STRENGTHENING LOCAL DISASTER RESPONSE: **PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HANDS OVER FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES TO OVERBERG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY**

Bredasdorp, South Africa – 5 August 2025 – In a significant step towards enhancing disaster response and firefighting capabilities at the local level, the Western Cape Government officially handed over firefighting vehicles, essential equipment and a financial grant to the Overberg District Municipality during a ceremony held today at the Bredasdorp Fire Station.

The handover forms part of the Provincial Government's ongoing commitment to supporting municipalities in fulfilling their constitutional mandate of disaster risk reduction, fire prevention, and emergency response.

A BOOST TO LOCAL CAPACITY

The equipment handed over included:

- Firefighting vehicles (2 Water Tankers and 2 Bakkies)
- Portable firefighting equipment
- Protective gear for fire fighting personnel
- Communication and operational tools
- A financial grant allocation

This strategic intervention will significantly bolster the district's ability to respond effectively to fires and emergencies across its jurisdiction, particularly in rural and remote areas.



Pictured above: Local and Provincial delegates who attended the handover ceremony between the Western Cape Government and the Overberg District Municipality.



A JOINT COMMITMENT TO SAFETY AND IMPROVING SERVICE DELIVERY

Delivering the keynote address, Minister Anton Bredell, MEC for Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning in the Western Cape, emphasized the importance of building local resilience: “This handover is more than the transfer of assets - it’s an investment in the safety, security, and wellbeing of communities across the district. This support ensures that our district municipalities are adequately equipped and resourced to protect lives, livelihoods, and infrastructure.”

ODM Executive Mayor, Ald Sakkie Franken, accepting the equipment on behalf of the municipality, expressed deep appreciation to the province for the support, stating: “This donation is timely and will go a long way in enhancing our operational readiness. With these additional vehicles and gear, our teams will be able to cover a wider area, respond faster, and serve our communities more efficiently.”

The new vehicles and equipment will be



deployed strategically across the district’s fire stations, while the grant will be used to support operational readiness, maintenance of firefighting assets, skills development, and fuel and logistical costs associated with fire and rescue operations. It also aligns with the municipality’s broader Disaster Risk Management Strategy, which includes public education campaigns, firebreak construction, and increased training for volunteer firefighters.

WORKING TOWARDS A SAFER, MORE RESILIENT FUTURE

This partnership underscores the shared responsibility between spheres of government in delivering critical services and ensuring the safety of all residents. Continued collaboration between provincial and local government is anticipated to include further resource allocations in future budget cycles.

The ceremony included a symbolic key exchange, marking a new chapter in strengthening fire and emergency services within the Overberg district.



MEC Bredell delivered the keynote address during the handover ceremony where he highlighted the importance of enhancing resilience.



NAMPO Kaap / Cape 2025 hosted in Bredasdorp, drew 49 326 visitors to this year's showcase.

NAMPO Kaap / Cape 2025

A Celebration Of Agriculture In The Overberg

The town of Bredasdorp proudly played host to the NAMPO Kaap / Cape 2025 expo from 10 - 13 September, drawing an impressive 49 326 visitors over the course of four days.

Held under the theme “Smart Technology for Efficient Resource Management”, this year’s expo highlighted the crucial role of innovation in strengthening agriculture and ensuring sustainability. Exhibitors, farmers, investors, and agri-enthusiasts from across the country converged on the Overberg to showcase cutting-edge solutions, share knowledge, and foster collaboration.

The Overberg region, often referred to as South Africa’s Breadbasket, reaffirmed its position as a key agricultural contributor to national food security and economic growth. The expo provided a platform for partnerships that will

drive both local and national agri-sector opportunities into the future.

ODM Executive Mayor, Ald Sakkie Franken, expressed his gratitude to all who contributed to the success of the event: “NAMPO Kaap has once again demonstrated the strength and resilience of our farming community, while embracing the technologies that will shape tomorrow’s agriculture. The Overberg is proud to host this world-class event, and we remain committed to creating an environment where investment and innovation can thrive.”

The expo featured a wide range of exhibits, live demonstrations, interactive workshops, and networking sessions. Visitors were treated not only to insights into modern farming practices but also to the warm hospitality of the Overberg region.





MEC Ivan Meyer visited the Overberg District Municipality's exhibition stand at this year's NAMPO Kaap / Cape expo.

The Overberg District Municipality was also proud to exhibit at NAMPO Kaap, using the opportunity to showcase the region's diverse offerings – from its thriving agricultural sector and investment potential to its unique natural beauty and tourism appeal.

The municipality also invited the local municipalities and their tourism offices to join in on the fun and partner in hosting the exhibition stand.

Dr Ivan Meyer, Western Cape Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism praised the Overberg District Municipality for grasping the opportunity and proactively and responsibly leading the effort to promote and highlight the area's unique attractions, resources, and advantages.

As the curtains closed on this year's showcase, the Overberg District Municipality extends its thanks to all exhibitors, sponsors, partners, and visitors for making NAMPO Kaap 2025 an overwhelming success.

The seeds sown during these four days promise to grow into new opportunities, stronger collaborations, and a more sustainable agricultural future.



DEPUTY PRESIDENT PAUL MASHATILE VISITS NAMPO CAPE

A highlight of this year's event was the visit by South Africa's Deputy President Paul Mashatile on Friday, 12 September.

The Deputy President chairs the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Agriculture and Land Reform and champions collaboration in agriculture, food security and support for emerging farmers.

His visit underscored the importance of the agricultural sector not only to the Western Cape, but to South Africa's economy and food security as a whole. Touring the exhibitions and engaging with farmers, innovators, and agri-stakeholders, the Deputy President highlighted government's commitment to supporting sustainable farming and driving investment in rural communities.

Mr Mashatile emphasized that all levels of government had a duty to assist farmers, regardless of political affiliation. Key areas requiring urgent attention, he said, included rural infrastructure, farm safety, reliable water supply, and landownership for new-era farmers.

"The visit by Deputy President Mashatile to NAMPO Kaap reaffirms the national recognition of the Overberg as South Africa's Breadbasket. It is a strong message of support to our farmers and investors that agriculture remains at the centre of South Africa's growth and development," stated ODM Executive Mayor Sakkie Franken.



Deputy President Paul Mashatile during his visit to the NAMPO expo where he met with ODM Executive Mayor Sakkie Franken, Cape Agulhas Municipality Deputy Mayor Karin Donald and ODM Deputy Mayor Helen Coetzee.

2025 Voet van Afrika



The Voet van Afrika Marathon, one of South Africa's most challenging and scenic races, once again brought excitement and energy to Bredasdorp on Saturday, 20 September 2025. Known as the "toughest race with the warmest heart," the marathon draws athletes from across the country to test their limits on the demanding Overberg terrain.

The event offered distances to suit different levels of athletes, including the 42.2 km full marathon, the 21.1 km half marathon, and a 10 km fun run, giving both seasoned competitors and community participants the chance to

experience the spirit of the race. The route, which winds through farmlands, mountain slopes, and stretches of fynbos unique to the Overberg, is widely recognized for its breathtaking beauty – and notorious toughness.

The iconic 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.



Keeping Runners Hydrated and Motivated

As part of its ongoing support for community wellness and regional events, the Overberg District Municipality (ODM) proudly hosted a water point along both the half- and full marathon routes. ODM staff members and volunteers provided hydration, encouragement, and energy to runners as they faced the toughest sections of the race. The presence of the water station not only helped keep athletes safe and motivated but also highlighted the municipality's dedication to promoting healthy lifestyles and community involvement.

ODM Executive Mayor Sakkie Franken shared his appreciation: "The Voet van Afrika Marathon is not just a sporting event – it is a celebration of resilience, unity, and the natural beauty of our district. The Overberg District Municipality is honoured to once again contribute to this iconic event and to stand alongside the organizers, runners, and community in making it a success."

The ODM congratulates all athletes who crossed the finish line, salutes the endurance of those who braved the route, and extends its gratitude to the organizers, volunteers, and supporters who made the 2025 Voet van Afrika Marathon possible. Events like these not only showcase the Overberg as a destination of choice but also foster community pride and a healthy, active lifestyle.





MEET THE 2025 WINNERS

THE OVERBERG SHINES IN KFM'S BEST OF THE CAPE AWARDS 2025

BEST MARKET



CONGRATULATIONS!

**ELGIN
RAILWAY MARKET,
ELGIN
WINNER 2025**

SILVER AWARDS 2025

Best Date Night Restaurant - Char'd Grill & Wine Bar, Hermanus
Best Breakfast Spot - Sage & Thyme, Somerset West
Best Coffee - Truth Coffee, Cape Town City Centre
Best Family Restaurant - Quayside Cabin, Hermanus
Best Pet Friendly Restaurant - Milk on the Beach, Onrus
Best Takeaway Spot - Golden Dish, Gatesville
Best Local Craft Beer - Jack Black's Brewing Company, Diap River
Best Local Craft Spirit Brand - Blomendahl, Grabouw
Best Biltong - Biltong Boys, Swellendam
Best Bakery - Weirough, Somerset West
Best Watering Hole - That 80's Club, Montague Gardens
Best Farm Stall - Houw Hoek Farm Stall, Grabouw
Best Adventure Experience - Surf Big Bay, Bloubaersstrand



SILVER AWARDS 2025

Best Kids Party Spot - Freedom Adventure Park
Best Market - Hermanus Country Market, Hermanus
Best Place to Sweat - The Bloc, Blouberg
Best Hotel - Misty Waves Boutique Hotel, Hermanus
Best Weekend Stay - 360 on 62 Mountain View Cottages, Montagu
Best Dorpie - Greyton
Best Wedding Venue - Idiom Wines, Somerset West
Best Amateur Sports Club - West Coast Athletic Club, Table View
Best Professional Sports Team or Person - DHL Stormers
Best Local Musician - Will Linley
Best School Spirit - Stellenberg High School, Bellville
Best Neighbourhood Shop - Fish4Africa, Woodstock
Best Beautician - The Unicorn Room, Kuils River



BEST FARM STALL



CONGRATULATIONS!

**PEREGRINE
FARM STALL,
GRABOUW
WINNER 2025**

BRONZE AWARDS 2025

Best Date Night Restaurant - Homespun, Blouberg
Best Breakfast Spot - Butter, Sea Point
Best Coffee - Desmond's Coffee, Worcester
Best Family Restaurant - De Werf Farmstall & Weekend Market, Philadelphia
Best Pet Friendly Restaurant - Salt & Sage, Table View
Best Takeaway Spot - Bin Rashied Pizza & Grills
Best Local Craft Beer - Cape Brewing Company, Paarl
Best Local Craft Spirit Brand - Mzansi Gin, Woodstock
Best Biltong - The Grounds Meat & Deli, Bellville
Best Bakery - Mondval, Stonewood
Best Watering Hole - Roxy Woodstock, Woodstock
Best Farm Stall - Weskus Padstall, Yzerfontein
Best Adventure Experience - Paddle Experience
Best Tourist Attraction - The Waterfront Duck Co., V&A Waterfront
Best Wine Farm Experience - Benguela Cove Lagoon Wine Estate, Hermanus



BRONZE AWARDS 2025

Best Kids Party Spot - Whale of a Time Play Park, Hermanus
Best Market - Food Truck Valley, Bellville
Best Place to Sweat - Iron Tiger Fight & Fitness, Gardens
Best Hotel - One Marine Drive Boutique Hotel, Hermanus
Best Weekend Stay - Trail's End Bike Hotel, Grabouw
Best Dorpie - Yzerfontein
Best Wedding Venue - Goedgeleven, Durbanville
Best Amateur Sports Club - Trail Angels, Constantia
Best Professional Sports Team or Person - MI Cape Town
Best Local Musician - GoodLuck
Best School Spirit - Curro Durbanville High School, Durbanville
Best Neighbourhood Shop - The Deckle Edge, Salt River
Best Beautician - Radiance Beauty and Wellness, Hout Bay
Best Hairdresser - Balisimo Exclusive, Table View
Best Barber - Shaheh's Gents Hair Salon, Lansdowne



WELL DONE TO THE WINNERS AND FINALISTS FROM THE OVERBERG!!

We have once again proven that we have some of the best services and experiences the Western Cape has to offer, right here in our beautiful region!



BARBERSHOP AND HAIR SALON AWARENESS: PUTTING HEALTH & HYGIENE FIRST

Barbershops and hair salons are more than just places for grooming - they are also spaces where close contact and shared tools can create health risks if proper hygiene is not maintained. Good hygiene practices help protect clients and staff from skin infections, fungal infections, blood-borne diseases such as Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV, as well as respiratory illnesses including COVID-19.

Key Health & Hygiene Practices

To ensure a safe and professional service, barbers and hairdressers should:

- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water, or use sanitizer before and after serving each client.
- Keep nails clean and trimmed, and always use clean towels or capes for each client.
- Avoid working on clients with visible skin infections or open wounds, and encourage them to seek medical care.

Tools & Equipment

- Sterilize combs, scissors, clippers and razors after every use.
- Always use disposable razor blades for each client.
- Clean hairbrushes thoroughly before disinfecting.

Workstation Cleanliness

- Wipe down chairs, mirrors, counters and basins after each client.
- Sweep up and dispose of hair clippings promptly.
- Keep floors and counters clean and easy to sanitize.

Protective Measures

- Wear gloves when dealing with open wounds or shaving.
- Use masks where necessary, especially during flu outbreaks.

Waste Disposal

- Dispose of razor blades and sharps in approved containers.
- Use sealed bins for general waste and empty them regularly.
- Ensure wastewater is disposed of through an approved drainage system.

MUNICIPAL HEALTH COMPLIANCE

Did you know? The Overberg District Municipality's Environmental Health Practitioners (EHPs) conduct inspections of barbershops and salons as part of their health surveillance duties.

These visits aim to strengthen environmental health through inspections, investigations, and health education.

Importantly, according to the Overberg District Municipality's Health By-law (15 July 2019), **no barber, hairdresser, beautician, body piercer or tattooist may operate without a valid Health Certificate issued by an Environmental Health Practitioner.**

By prioritizing hygiene and compliance, barbers and hairdressers not only protect their clients but also uphold the professionalism and reputation of their industry.



ODM HOSTS SUCCESSFUL STAFF WELLNESS DAY

The Overberg District Municipality held a Staff Wellness Day on Friday, 5 September 2025, dedicated to promoting health, wellness, and team spirit among employees. The event formed part of the Municipality's ongoing commitment to creating a healthy and supportive work environment.

Wellness initiatives such as this play a vital role in promoting employee health, improving morale, and creating a positive work environment. By encouraging staff to focus on their physical and mental wellbeing, the Municipality acknowledges the importance of a healthy workforce as the foundation for delivering quality services to communities.

The event was made possible through the efforts of the ODM Social Committee, whose planning and coordination ensured a well-rounded and successful programme.



CELEBRATING WOMEN'S DAY AT THE SWELLENDAM ROADS DEPARTMENT

HONOURING THE WOMEN WHO KEEP US MOVING

On Women's Day, celebrated on 9 August each year, the Swellendam Roads Department came together to celebrate the incredible women who form the backbone of our team.

More than just a day of appreciation, it was a heartfelt reminder that their hard work, strength, and dedication do not go unnoticed.

The celebration was filled with warmth and gratitude as we honoured the ladies who show up every day with determination and passion. Whether in the office or out in the field, their contributions are vital to everything we do.

We took this special moment to remind them:
You are seen. You are valued. You are loved.



AVIAN INFLUENZA DETECTED IN WESTERN CAPE PUBLIC URGED TO STAY ALERT, NOT ALARMED

High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (HPAI or “bird flu”) is a viral disease of birds that can also, on rare occasions, infect humans and mammals. The disease can cause high mortality rates in domestic poultry, and severe financial losses, and has also become a threat to wild bird populations.

Signs of bird flu infection

Infected birds may be found dead or may show signs of brain damage, causing abnormal behaviour. These birds may appear unnaturally tame and lack a normal flight response to humans, and may twitch or shake or have fits or seizures.

How does the virus spread?

Birds catch the virus directly from other birds, by breathing in droplets from the nose and mouth, and by contact with droppings or objects contaminated with the virus. People can spread the virus on their clothes and hands and on any objects that have touched a sick bird or become contaminated by the virus. Predatory and scavenging bird and mammal species can also become infected by eating dead birds. A small number of people who had contact with infected birds have become infected with clade 2.3.4.4b H5 viruses overseas, but most have only caused mild disease.



How can the public help?

If you encounter a sick or dead wild bird, please report it. Members of the public should not touch sick or dead birds. Seabirds should be reported to SANCCOB. Other birds should be reported to the local municipality, conservation authority or state vet.

AFRICAN SWINE FEVER CONFIRMED IN BREDASDORP & NAPIER



In July 2025, the Cape Agulhas Municipality confirmed that African Swine Fever Virus (ASFV) DNA was detected in samples taken from pigs at the encampment in the Bredasdorp Informal Settlement. The tests, conducted by accredited laboratories in Pretoria under the supervision of the State Veterinary Services, confirmed the presence of this highly contagious animal disease.

In a media release dated 22 September 2025, the municipality confirmed a new outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF) in Napier.

Laboratory testing by the State Veterinary Services has confirmed ASF after pig deaths were first reported in Napier on 5 September 2025. ASF poses no risk to human health, but it is highly contagious and often fatal to domestic and wild pigs.

Current Situation: Napier

Up to date we only have confirmed cases of ASF in the Engel Avenue pig encampments. No cases have been confirmed for the area in the vicinity of the primary school.

- Total Napier deaths to date: 31
- Remaining pig population: 261

Bredasdorp Update

Since the first outbreak in July 2025, a total of 1 027 pigs have died in Bredasdorp. 2 pigs remain under strict monitoring and veterinary oversight.

Containment and Biosecurity Measures

Quarantine zones have been declared in both Bredasdorp and Napier. Law Enforcement and Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) personnel are securing both sites.

Only pig owners and caretakers may access animals, under strict biosecurity protocols. Carcasses are being disposed of at an environmentally approved site authorised by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning. Veterinary inspections and monitoring continue daily.

Reminder: Any breach of quarantine regulations is a criminal offence under the Animal Diseases Act and may lead to prosecution.

To report sick or dead pigs, contact Cape Agulhas Municipality's standby numbers:

028 425 5500 or 082 457 1774



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