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Western Cape battling severe cold fronts and heavy rains

Picture: Cape Agulhas Municipality

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ODM Strategic Direction Reaffirmed



Committed to providing efficient and effective services to the Overberg community, the Overberg District Municipal Council and management attended a strategic planning session with the purpose of deliberating on the review of the municipal vision, mission and objectives of the municipality. They have further identified service delivery hindrances and discussed solutions to overcome them.

The session took place at the ODM Council Chamber on 24 April 2023. This session is not only informative, but also a much needed brainstorming opportunity, which seeks to guide Council on the directions of allocating its resources, set priorities, strengthen operations, ensure that employees and other stakeholders are working towards common goals and shape its response to the changing environment.

The session included an overview of the District Spatial Development Framework

(SDF) & Implementation Plan by the Department of Environmental Affairs & Development Planning.

Mr Franco Ruiters, Manager IDP & Communications, presented on the Integrated Development Plan and the IDP Review vs Amendment.

Other presentations included an overview of ODM's financial position and an overview of the 2021/2022 Annual Report. Each Directorate was requested to present on their Top Layer Key Performance Indicators for 2022/2023, Challenges & Risks, Targets for 2023/2024 and Progress on Projects.

Following the presentations, Executive Mayor Sakkie Franken reaffirmed the Strategic Direction.

The effectiveness of this strategic planning session will articulate not only where the municipality is going and the actions needed to make progress, but also measure the success and impact of its strategic plan.

New ODM councillors sworn in

Ms Connie Tafu-Nwonkwo was sworn in as a ODM councillor during a special council meeting that was held virtually on Monday, 27 February 2023.

Cllr Tafu-Nwonkwo, sworn in as a new Proportional Representative (PR), also serves on the council of the Overstrand Municipality and replaces Cllr Simphiwe Silo on the ODM council. Cllr Silo sadly passed away earlier this year.

Mr Dawid Julius was sworn in as a ODM councillor during a council meeting that was held on Monday, 29 May 2023.

Cllr Julius also serves on the council of the Swellendam Municipality and replaces Cllr Frans Kees on the ODM council.

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

Hereby they vowed to carry forward the directive given to them by the district's council in line with the municipality's vision and mission.

Cllr Tafu-Nwonkwo will also serve as a representative on the Strategic Services Portfolio Committee, while Cllr Dawid Julius will serve as a representative on the Corporate Services Portfolio Committee.

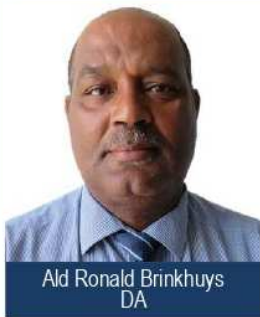
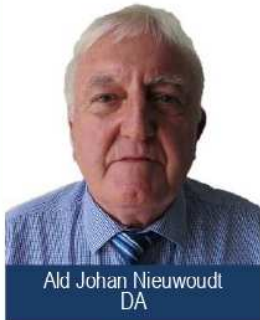


COUNCIL

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:





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.



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For our natural resources and celebrating diversity.



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ODM receives 3rd consecutive clean audit



Mr Richard Bosman, ODM Municipal Manager, officially announced ODM's third consecutive clean audit during the virtual Council meeting held in May.

The Overberg District Municipality obtained its third consecutive clean audit outcome from the Auditor-General SA, following the 2021/2022 financial year audit process.

The announcement was made during the Council meeting of 29 May 2023.

The Auditor-General informed ODM on 24 May 2023 that the dispute resolution process, in terms of the 2021/2022 audit review requested, has been concluded and went in the favour of the municipality.

The previous issued audit report of the municipality, dated 15 December 2022, was retracted and re-issued due to the resolution of a dispute, resulting in the removal of the material non-compliance findings reported under the headings of expenditure management and procurement and contract management,

thus leading to a third consecutive clean audit without any material findings.

The 2019/2020 audit outcome was also taken under review in 2021 and after seven months in September 2021, the municipality managed to resolve all the material findings disputed with the Auditor-General. Three months later, in November 2021, a clean audit for the 2020/2021 financial year was again received.

Clean audits was also received four consecutive years from 2014/2015 to 2017/2018 and it was only for the 2018/2019 financial year that a clean audit was not received.

The ODM is one of 21 Western Cape municipalities out of 38 across the country that obtained a clean audit. There are 257 municipalities in South

Africa, which means that 14,79% of municipalities in South Africa managed to obtain a Clean Audit.

The management would like to thank the Audit Committee, the Mayoral Committee and Council for their support in believing in the arguments lodged to the Auditor-General on why the audit findings could not be material and that a clean audit was deserved.

Management also learned from these processes and endeavour to strengthen internal controls to ensure proper financial management that will enhance service delivery to the community.

ODM Executive Mayor Ald Sakkie Franken attended the awards ceremony and received the Clean Audit Award from the AGSA and the Western Cape Department of Local Government.



From left: Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Mr Anton Bredell, AGSA Deputy Business Unit Leader Mr Thomas Mamogwe, ODM Executive Mayor Ald Sakkie Franken, AGSA Deputy Business Unit Leader Mr Ashely Oiklers and Strategic Audit Innovator & Guest Ms Linda Meijer Wassenaar.

Integrated Planning Engagements / IDP Indaba 2 Strengthening Collaboration to address priorities

The Western Cape Government (WCG) endorsed the Joint District and Metro Approach (JDMA) to strengthen collaboration across the three spheres of government through co-planning, budgeting and implementation in coordinating resources to address district wide priorities.

Whilst the JDMA has been institutionalised through JDMA Interface Teams across the five districts which have been developed and are implementing respective JDMA Implementation Plans, there was however a need for individual local municipalities to directly engage with sector departments on planned programmes and projects within respective municipalities.

During the past three years, several local municipalities invited selected WCG departments as part of their public participation processes for developing and reviewing Integrated Development Plans (IDPs), to share their planned programmes and projects within the specific municipal area.

To better coordinate these engagements for all Western Cape municipalities, the Department of Local Government (DLG) resolved to re-introduce the former IDP Indaba 2 sessions, which previously afforded municipalities the opportunity to directly engage sector departments in preparation for their annual IDP review and/or amendment.

To this effect, an Integrated Planning Engagement was held for the Overberg district on 10 February 2023 at the Glaskasteel Community Hall in Bredasdorp.



This session was convened by DLG's Integrated Development Planning Directorate in conjunction with the JDMA Interface Team lead for the district.

The main objective of this engagement was to afford all the municipalities the opportunity to engage WCG departments on planning priorities and service delivery challenges, share the WCG indicative allocations and planned programmes/projects, and to assist municipalities as part of their public participation processes for IDPs.

The engagement took the form of individual municipalities engaging with the provincial departments, and included breakaway clusters for social as well as infrastructure development.

Heavy rains cause flooding across the Province



The Western Cape have experienced severe weather damage and flooding in some regions.

Cold fronts accompanied by heavy rains have wreaked havoc across the province, leading to flooding and infrastructure damage, and also resulted in two fatalities. In the Buffelsjagsriver in the Overberg, one person was swept away while trying to cross the river and

another fatality was reported in Vredendal.

Thousands of people were displaced as the heavy rains and damaging winds forced residents to flee their homes.

Several roads were closed and some remain closed due to extensive damage caused by overflowing rivers and trees that have been uprooted.

Some good news is that most dams



across the province are full, as earlier this year municipalities were preparing for a dry winter and already planning for water restrictions later this year.

Municipalities and their communities must remain on high alert. Residents are urged to take proper precautions when travelling during severe weather conditions. Follow the ODM's Facebook page for weather related updates.

R89 million assistance to municipalities to address loadshedding



The Western Cape Government has allocated nearly R89 million to keep municipal services running amid loadshedding.

At a Premier's Coordinating Forum meeting held on 28 February in Cape Town, MEC Anton Bredell, Western Cape Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning together with Premier Allan Winde presented a symbolic cheque to Western Cape mayors.

Minister Bredell said the amount of R88.815 million, made available from the Provincial Unforeseen and Unavoidable Reserve Fund, is allocated to Western Cape municipalities to procure emergency diesel generators to be used for water treatment, water distribution and wastewater systems during times of prolonged loadshedding.

The following amounts are allocated per municipality:

- Matzikama R1 050 000.00
- Cederberg R1 600 000.00
- Bergrivier R3 600 000.00
- Saldanha Bay R2 950 000.00
- Swartland R10 945 000.00
- West Coast R1 900 000.00
- Witzenberg R475 000.00
- Drakenstein R6 000 000.00
- Stellenbosch R6 175 000.00
- Breede Valley R950 000.00
- Langeberg R350 000.00

- Cape Winelands R950 000.00
- Theewaterskloof R1 800 000.00
- Overstrand R6 700 000.00
- Cape Agulhas R350 000.00
- Swellendam R1 360 000.00
- Overberg R1 600 000.00
- Kannaland R1 075 000.00
- Hessequa R3 800 000.00
- Mossel Bay R5 000 000.00
- George R14 220 000.00
- Oudtshoorn R4 665 000.00
- Bitou R5 600 000.00
- Knysna R2 400 000.00
- Garden Route R1 600 000.00
- Laingsburg R60 000.00
- Prince Albert R175 000.00
- Beaufort West R1 115 000.00
- Central Karoo R350 000.00

Conditions applicable to transfer

Minister Bredell said strict conditions, as set out in the Transfer Payment Agreements which are concluded with each of the municipalities, will inform the transfer of the funds.

These conditions include:

- Monthly financial and non-financial performance reports, including procurement information, must be submitted to the Department of Local Government as stipulated in the Transfer Payment Agreement.
- Municipalities must report monthly on

progress of this spending until the project is completed.

- Municipalities must submit business plans to the Department of Local Government, addressing a detailed budget, a roll-out plan and the intended outcomes.
- The money may only be used for the projects detailed in the approved business plan.
- Municipalities must follow transparent and fair procurement processes compliant with the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act 56 of 2003), and procurement regulations.
- All assets purchased with these funds must be included in the asset register of the municipality and confirmation of this must be submitted to the Department of Local Government.

Minister Bredell stated that these conditions will ensure that the money is used only for the intended purpose. "As Provincial government, we are focusing on interventions that will deliver tangible loadshedding relief to our residents in the short term, while we develop our long term plans for sustainable and reliable electricity supply to the Western Cape province."

Premier Alan Winde also urged the municipalities to "put our citizens first as we work through the energy crisis."

Source: WCG Communications

Premier's Safety Cycle Tour

Promoting cycle safety in the Overberg region



Premier Alan Winde and members of his Provincial Cabinet took to the roads to embark on the Premier's Safety Cycle Tour in the Overberg region to promote cycling safety.

During the 3-day tour, the Premier and his team handed over bicycles at various schools and a number of Neighbourhood Watch groups also received bicycles. The bicycles were kindly donated by the Pedal Power Association (PPA).

The Overberg District Municipality's Executive Mayor, Ald Sakkie Franken, joined the Cabinet on their tour of the region. Along the route, Team Western Cape Government was also joined by the Mayors and other officials from the Cape Agulhas Municipality, Overstrand Local

Municipality, and Theewaterskloof Local Municipality.

The tour kicked off on 2 May 2023 at the Struisbaai School of Skills in Struisbaai. The Premier and Western Cape Minister of Education was also given a tour of the school.

Following the visit to Struisbaai, the Cabinet members together with the local political leadership hosted a handover of bicycles to the local Neighbourhood Watch at the ODM's Fire Station in Bredasdorp.

The Premier stated, "Neighbourhood Watches play a crucial role in making our communities safer. The distribution of bicycles guarantees that they have the important and necessary, resources

needed."

The group then cycled their way to the Agulhas School of Skills in Napier under the watchful eye of the local Traffic and Law Enforcement departments.

On 3 May, the tour continued with a visit to Swartberg Secondary School in Caledon, where the Premier encouraged the learners to enjoy the new bicycles and to always obey the rules of the road.

The group cycled from Caledon to Hermanus and ended the second day at Laerskool Kleinmond in Kleinmond.

The 4th of May saw the final day of the handover tour as the Premier and his delegation concluded the tour with visits to the Zwelihle and Mount Pleasant Primary Schools respectively.



R260 Million road infrastructure investment provides for safe road usage for all

Days 1 and 2 of the WCG Safety Cycle Tour saw the team visit and cycle through two of the soon-to-be-completed road infrastructure projects in the Overberg District Municipality.

On Tuesday, the Tour concluded its first-day route with a stopover at the R326 road, located between Stanford and Riviersonderend. The team received an oversight presentation from the Provincial Minister of Infrastructure, Tertuis Simmers, on the construction work underway.

The Department of Infrastructure has invested R136.9 million, in the reseal, rehabilitation, and ancillary work of this 35 km road stretch. The project which commenced in October 2021, has to date created 145 job opportunities for local job seekers. Over R17 million has been reinvested in local enterprises and Small Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs). The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of July 2023.

On day 2, the team continued to enjoy the scenery and proceeded from Caledon to Hermanus, where they cycled through the R320 road, which is currently undergoing rehabilitation. Nearly R124 million has been set aside for the successful completion of this project which began in September 2021. The project scheduled to be completed later in November, has seen the appointment of 21 SMMEs and local enterprises, with R38.6 million redistributed towards these businesses. The project has also seen the creation of 125 job opportunities.



Speaking on the overall state of the roads covered by the Tour thus far, Western Cape Premier, Alan Winde, stated: “Our roads form the backbone of the Western Cape’s economy, connecting communities and economic opportunities. Improving and maintaining our province’s highways and byways must remain a continuous endeavour, as it is priority to grow the economy.

Throughout the Western Cape Government Bicycle Handover Tour, I had the pleasure of cycling on some roads in the Overberg and Overstrand regions, along with my Cabinet colleagues. We saw for ourselves the high quality of these roads and by maintaining this high standard, we are helping to keep road users safe and our economy moving.”

Following the two oversight visits, the minister spoke on this investment:

“Sustainable road construction and maintenance practices can help reduce the impact on the environment, improve the health and safety of road users, and provide long-term cost savings. I am equally pleased to see that both these projects are being implemented well within schedule. Soon the inconvenience of the stoppages on the R320 will be a thing of the past for our road users.”

The investment in road infrastructure ensures an enhanced delivery and maintenance of roads to support the economy in the Western Cape.

“The delivery of these two projects has allowed for the employment of 270 job seekers in the region and over R55 million spent on local enterprise and SMMEs. Truly delivering hope through investment in infrastructure by the Western Cape Government” concluded Minister Simmers.” *WCG Communications*

Overberg District Municipality to receive R1.8 billion in Infrastructure investment

The Overberg District Municipality has been presented with the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) Infrastructure budget for the region by Provincial Minister Tertuis Simmers.

The presentation session follows a successful week in which Minister Simmers and members of the Western Cape Government visited infrastructure project sites across the district.

Over the next three financial years 2023/24 – 2025/26, the Western Cape Department of Infrastructure will invest R1.8 billion. This budget will be spent on 75 projects, which constitute 5.5% of the department’s planned projects across the Western Cape.

Much of the budget will be invested in roads infrastructure projects with a value of R1.48 billion. Some of these project sites will be in Draaiberg, De Hoop,

Bredasdorp, and Botrivier.

In the immediate future, and in addition to the projects the department will transfer R705 000 in road maintenance subsidies to local municipalities in the 2023/24 financial year. In the current fiscal year the department intends spending R29.9 million on public works and general infrastructure. While spending R94 million towards the completion of health and education infrastructure projects, from the previous fiscal year. Through its Human Settlements branch, the department intends on investing R136.4 million. This will be towards the building of 474 houses and 629 serviced sites.

The Executive Mayor of the Overberg District Municipality, Ald Sakkie Franken shared his views on the budget: “As a district, we welcome the transparency

with which the Department approached us. The continued open communication and collaborative efforts between these two spheres of government will be of great benefit to the Overberg District. This is evident in the existing and ongoing infrastructure projects in our region, that even tourists have come to enjoy.”

At the end of his 5-day visit to the Overberg District, Minister Simmers said: “Having travelled and visited much of our roads and infrastructure projects as well as engaged various stakeholders, I am certain that with this budget we will continue to build renewed hope in this region through service delivery. The investment in various infrastructure projects will empower and contribute to the well-being of many citizens in the Overberg region.” *WCG Communications*

2023 Western Cape Prestige Agri Worker Competition launched

Western Cape Minister of Agriculture, Dr Ivan Meyer, has launched the 2023 Western Cape Prestige Agri-Worker Competition in Hermanus in the Overberg District.

The regional leg of the competition, which will be held across 16 regions within the Western Cape, kicks off in June 2023.

Participants will compete across 11 categories: general worker, driver, irrigation specialist, technical operator, animal production, administrative staff, social development, agri-processing, foreman, junior management and middle management.

Regional winners will be announced by the end of August and will proceed to participate in the provincial competition in September 2023.

Speaking at the launch, the Minister said that the Prestige Agri-Awards Competition showcases the excellent work done in the agricultural sector in this province. It also acknowledges, celebrates and inspires pride in its workforce and encourages them to learn new skills.

Meyer said that agri-workers played a vital role in the economy of the Western Cape. He stated, "17% of all those currently employed in the Western Cape are employed in the agricultural sector".

Dr Annelie Rabie, Executive Mayor of Overstrand Municipality, emphasised the importance of Agri-workers, stating that "Without agri-workers, there is no agriculture."

The Executive Mayor of the Overberg District Municipality, Ald Sakkie Franken, reflected on the experiences of Overberg



Pictured Above: Overstrand Municipality Executive Mayor Dr Annelie Rabie, Minister Ivan Meyer and ODM Executive Mayor Ald Sakkie Franken during the launch.

agri workers participating in the Prestige Agri Awards.

Pieter van Zyl, General Manager of Procurement at Shoprite, commented that Shoprite had sponsored the annual competition since 2012.

Van Zyl added: "Shoprite is proud to be associated with this competition. By doing so, we acknowledge the agri-worker's critical role in ensuring that our customers have daily access to fresh fruit, vegetables, meat and dairy products."

"The Agri-Worker Awards has become the leading social upliftment project of the Department," said Western Cape Department of Agriculture's Deputy Director General Darryl Jacobs.

"Since its inception, the competition has

significantly impacted the workers and their families. On an individual level, agri-workers feel recognised and rewarded for contributing to agriculture, and the participants develop self-worth and broaden their knowledge. In addition, past participants are seen as role models and leaders on the farm and in their communities", continued Jacobs.

Minister Meyer added: "Acknowledging our agri-workers inspires hope and instils a sense of worth."

"It is important to invest in our agri-workers, who are a crucial part of this sector," he concluded.

The Western Cape Prestige Agri Worker winner of 2023 will be announced at a gala event scheduled for the 4th of November 2023.

Donating in the spirit of Easter

On 6 April 2023, the ODM Social Committee together with the Deputy Mayor Cllr Helen Coetzee, Municipal Manager Mr Richard Bosman and other officials, visited the Heavenly Promise48 Safehouse in Bredasdorp for a donation handover.

Earlier that day, the Social Committee hosted an Easter Celebration at the ODM Head Office. A request was made to all employees for donations for the safehouse.

Heavenly Promise48 is a non-profit organization that relies on donations to meet its objectives. The organization is focused on providing individualised comprehensive advocacy and support for those seeking services.

Ms Lana O'Neill, Safehouse Director, thanked the ODM for their valuable donation and their ongoing support.

"Our organisation always appreciates



the generosity and involvement of organisations like you. Many arrive at the safehouse with only the things they can carry, sometimes even with nothing but the clothes on their backs. By donating to us, you are making a difference for our

clients - victims of domestic violence.

Your support is important to our work at the safehouse. There are many ways you can contribute towards our causes, and every little bit that you commit goes a long way in helping us fulfil our mission."



CODE OF ETHICS



Basic values and principles governing public administration and the Overberg District Municipality

Section 195(1) of the Constitution provides the framework for intergovernmental relations and prescribes the following basic values and principles for public administration:

- A high standard of professional ethics must be promoted and maintained;
- efficient, economic and effective use of resources must be promoted;
- public administration must be development-orientated;
- services must be provided impartially, fairly, equitably and without bias;
- people's needs must be responded to, and the public must be encouraged to participate in policy-making;
- public administration must be accountable;
- transparency must be fostered by providing the public with timely, accessible and accurate information;
- good human-resource management and career-development practices, to maximise human potential, must be cultivated; and
- public administration must be broadly representative of South African people, with employment and personnel management practices based on ability, objectivity, fairness, and the need to redress the imbalances of the past to achieve broad representation.



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Municipal Health Services: Safe Water at Rural Schools Project



The ODM's Municipal Health Services department identified a 'Safe Water at Rural Schools' project for Environmental Health Awareness Month, which is celebrated annually in February in South Africa.

The primary sources of drinking water in rural areas are groundwater and surface water (e.g. streams and rivers). In addition, rain water can be collected and contained. The initial quality of the water

depends on the source. Water from all these sources must be considered as unsafe for drinking and therefore require treatment before use.

Environmental Health Practitioners (EHPs) visited rural schools in the sub-district areas throughout the district during the week of 20–24 February, educating learners and teachers about water safety and other environmental health topics.

The EHPs presented on identifying safe water, sources of water, types of water, the importance of water purification, symptoms of water-borne diseases and how to prevent such diseases. Methods of water purification and treatment of diarrhoea was demonstrated using household materials.

They also focussed on the importance of washing your hands and demonstrated the correct handwash procedures.

Food Safety Blitz rolled out at food premises in Hermanus

On 4 April 2023 all Environmental Health Practitioners (EHP's) came together at the Overstrand sub-district office in Hermanus for a Food Safety Blitz.

The blitz entailed sampling food contact surfaces using the swab technique, temperature checks of the fridges and freezers and handing out '5-Keys to Safer Food' posters at 6 food premises which were identified for the blitz. In terms of Regulation 638 of the Regulations Governing General Hygiene Requirements for Food Premises, 6(4) states that 'A food contact surface must be - (a) cleaned and washed before food comes into direct contact with it for the first time: and (b) cleaned and washed as and when necessary, during or immediately after the processing of food, so that contamination of the food that comes into contact with any such surface or item is prevented, and any such surface or item must not, before food comes into direct contact with it, contain - (i) more than 100 viable micro-organisms per cm² upon analysis, conducted in accordance with acknowledged scientific microbiological methods of analysis, of a sample taken in accordance with the swab technique prescribed in the Efficacy of Cleaning Plant, Equipment and Utensils - SANS 5763.

Four swabs were taken at each of the food premises from food preparation surfaces in the bakeries, butchery, hot foods and cold kitchens. The laboratory courier collected the swabs the next day. The laboratory results indicated that four swabs of the 24 taken did not comply.



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I ACT.
I STOP.



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Upgrades to the Uilenkraalsmond resort



The Uilenkraalsmond Resort remains dedicated to enhancing the holiday experience and is currently undergoing upgrades to ensure quality offerings.

Stormwater Pipeline Upgrade

During the week of 17 to 21 April 2023, the stormwater outlet at the resort was reconstructed. The pedestrian steps next to the 'Houthuis' was also revamped.

The Environmental Management department was responsible for the implementation of these upgrades. The project focused on the restoration and protection of infrastructure that has suffered damage over recent years due to coastal erosion.

The outlet of the stormwater pipe is located in the mouth of the Uilkraalsrivier, which results in a lot of erosion and must withstand constant wave and tidal action. To ensure that wave action does not cause erosion around the outlet again, 233 tonnes of stone have been placed under and around the structure which will serve as a bulwark against the wave action in order to deflect the water away from the structure. A further 5.5 cubic meters of concrete was used to anchor the pipe and step in the stone.

The upgrading of the stormwater pipeline was monitored by an external Environmental Control Officer who ensured that all conditions set by the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

were met.

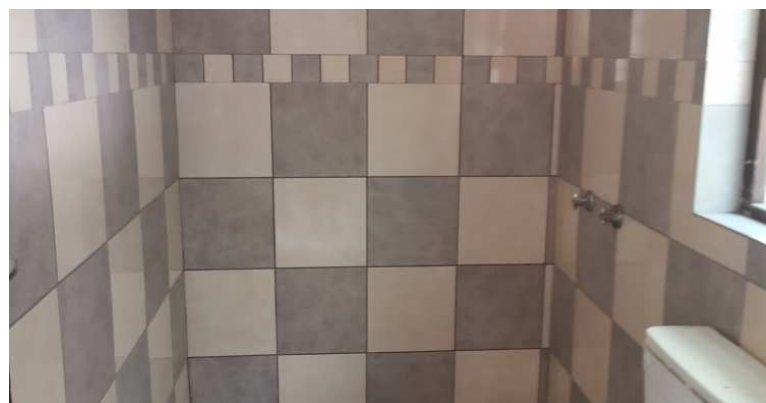
The projects were successfully completed with the help of an external contractor as well as the ODM's own maintenance team who were responsible for the construction of the stairs.

Refurbishing of Chalets

In keeping with the resort's focus on renovation and renewal to ensure that it meets high standards, the resort is also undergoing upgrades to its chalets.

The chalets are being repainted, bathrooms re-tiled and the kitchens revamped.

These refurbishments will revitalise the resort's offering and enhance its reputation as one of the Overberg region's favourite holiday destinations.



Overberg Youth Summit: The Power of Youth in Motion

In its aim to empower youth and provide a platform for youth development, the Overberg District Municipality, through its Social Development department, hosted an Overberg Youth Summit on 27 June 2023.

This youth empowerment conference took place in Caledon and presented a platform to engage with youth in the region on the most pressing issues facing their generation and to promote active and effective dialogue between youth, local government, and other key stakeholders.

The summit further aims to provide youth with the tools to build and engage in impactful projects, promote character based leadership skills, uplift their awareness on the roles of the youth in nation building, and also educate and provide clear and actionable guidance for participation in public and governmental processes.

Important matters such as mental health, wellness, cyber bullying and self awareness was addressed.

ODM Municipal Manager, Mr Richard Bosman, welcomed the participants and emphasized the influence of youth



Mr Richard Bosman, ODM Municipal Manager, during his opening speech at the Overberg Youth Summit.

groups and the vital role that the youth sector plays in nation building. He also encouraged the participants to use the summit to learn and actively engage on the important matters of the day.

He said, "This is an opportunity for you to learn valuable lessons and you must consider this summit as training for your role as future leaders."

Ms Deirdré Barends, ODM Community Liaison Officer, set the scene for the day

and relayed the important role that young people play and the need to capacitate youth with the necessary knowledge and skills to become leaders and make a positive impact in their communities.

Various youth groups from across the region also performed during intervals.

The Summit was held in partnership with OpenUp, National & Provincial Government and the local municipalities in the Overberg district.

