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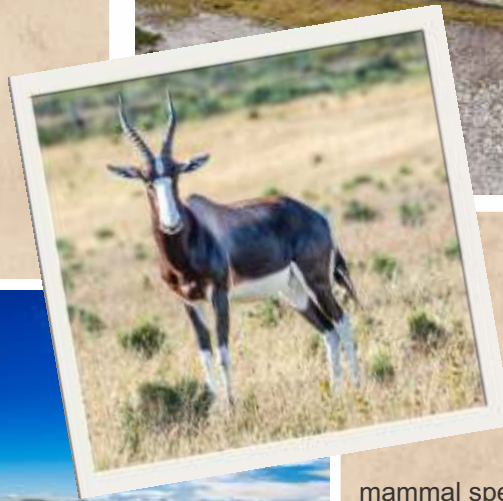
Van proponent tot predikant

Veertien Gansies

New historic Overberg Conservation Alliance launched

"It is a great privilege for me to share with the community the launch of the new Overberg Conservation Alliance (OCA) - a collaborative initiative bringing together four regional conservation partners and two international donor partners to connect and restore the Overberg's natural environment," said Heather A'Alton. "At a time when biodiversity loss, climate change and the fragmentation of landscapes are placing increasing pressure on our natural environment, the alliance recognises that conservation at this scale can only succeed through collaboration - across more than 82,000 hectares."

The OCA is a collaborative partnership bringing together four conservation organisations operating in the Overberg - the Grootbos Foundation, Fynbos Trust, Overberg Renosterveld Trust and the Nuwejaars



Wetlands Special Management Area. The goal is to strengthen landscape-scale conservation across the Overberg. The four Overberg partners conserve and restore more than 82,000 hectares of some of the country's most biodiversity-rich landscapes, protecting habitats that support at least 214 bird species, 61

mammal species and 54 reptile and amphibian species, while creating more than 80 sustainable livelihoods.

Together, the organisations aim to accelerate landscape-scale conservation across the Overberg by connecting expertise, strategies, resources and funding to protect the region's globally significant biodiversity, while supporting the people who live and work there.

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"Parts of the Overberg still contain large and strategically important connected natural landscapes, while other ecosystems survive as highly threatened fragments that urgently need better protection and management," says Sean Privett, Managing Director of the Grootbos Foundation, one of the OCA's founding partners. He adds: "The region is home to some of the world's most threatened lowland biodiversity, including Critically Endangered renosterveld and lowland fynbos, as well as nationally significant wetlands, rivers and estuaries. Nature doesn't recognise property boundaries, so it makes sense that conservation shouldn't either."



One of the OCA's first collaborative projects is already underway at the Heuningberg Nature Reserve, the biodiversity-rich municipal reserve overlooking Bredasdorp. Following the devastating wildfire of November 2025, the reserve now presents a critical window of opportunity. "Already, we're seeing the benefits of collaboration," says Ross Kettles, CEO of the Nuwejaars Wetlands Special Management Area, the fourth regionally based alliance partner.

While the alliance currently consists of the four regional partners, with support from the two international organisations, OCA



Coordinator Hannah Siebrits stresses that the alliance is committed to working collaboratively with the many organisations, institutions and individuals already contributing to conservation across the Overberg. She says the alliance hopes to inspire even greater collaboration as it grows. "This is only the beginning. The Overberg is one of South Africa's most remarkable landscapes, and protecting it will require all of us working together. We look forward to building new partnerships that benefit both nature and the people who call the Overberg home," Hannah Siebrits concluded. For more information, visit www.overbergconservation.org.za.

(Pictures and information provided: Heather D'Alton)
(Article shortened)

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Bietoubossers se harte van omgee

Die aktiewe dames van die Bietoubos Damesgroep is allerweë bekend vir hul gereelde Omgee-projekte ten bate van verskeie instansies. Hierdie keer was die inwoners van Herberg-aan-See (HaS) se tannies op hul liefdadigheidslys - elkeen het 'n pragtige voorlappie ontvang. "Baie dankie aan almal wat behulpsaam was met hierdie projek," het Marie de Jager, projekteier, gesê.

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Young Earth Rangers make a difference

Grootbos Foundation's Earth Rangers were invited by the Dyer Island Conservation Trust and

helping to clear litter from sections of the Gansbaai coastline, together with 100 other young children, before enjoying lunch together.



CapeNature to participate in a Marine Protected Area Day on 1 August. They spent a wonderful morning

The Earth Rangers programme is a nature-based programme delivered by Grootbos sports coaches. It aims to give young children the opportunity to experience nature while developing a love and curiosity for their natural heritage.

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15de kunsuitstalling 'roes' behoorlik!

Donderdag, 6 Augustus 2026, was dit weer tyd vir die gereelde prestige-kunsuitstalling in Die Hangkas by Groeneweide - die 15de uitstalling. Dié keer was dit egter 'n 'opgeroeste' Hangkas wat besoek is! Gelukkig darem nie só erg nie - die tema van die uitstalling was *RUST (ROES)*. Die kunsuitstalling is deur Johan Ehlers, voormalige uitvoerende hoof van Agri-Expo en kunstenaar, geopen.

"Dit was baie interessant om te sien hoe 21 kunstenaars die tema uitgebeeld het - elk op 'n eie unieke wyse," vertel Dries van Heerden van Franskraal, self 'n uitstekende kunstenaar en digter.

"As gevolg van die weer het heelparty gaste ongelukkig verskoning gemaak." Dries sê die aand het gesellig en suksesvol verloop, met heerlike verversings, saamgesels en die besigtiging van talentvolle kunstenaars se kunswerke, wat tydens hierdie aande ook te koop aangebied word.



Die 21 deelnemende kunstenaars, wat almal uitstekende werk uitgestal het, is (alfabeties): Belinda Burchell, Bilhah Hoffmann, Cathrynne Salter, Dorothy Janse van Vuuren, Elaine Baard, Greta Bath, Ilka Louw, Jan Kotze, Jeff Batt, Joey Gouws, Linda Budde, Louise Swart, Marie Botha, Martha van der Westhuizen, Mimmie Pienaar, Natalie Dominique Louw, Nicolene Richards, Robyn Barriere, Ronelle van Tonder, Susan van Heerden en Susan van Zyl.

Die kunsuitstallings in Die Hangkas is sonder twyfel van Groter Gansbaai se mees

uitstaande en goed georganiseerde kunsuitstallings en beslis die moeite werd om by te woon.

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Twee lede van die Birkenhead Boothengelklub, Carl Dyer en Walter Mapham, het die afgelope naweek met Carl se boot, WaCa, see toe gegaan en onder meer 'n paar mooi snoeke uitgetrek. "Vlek daai snoeke vinnig, anders kom julle met pap snoeke by die huis aan," was een van die 'jaloerse' klubdele se kommentaar op die WhatsApp-groep!

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Ds Rudiger van n Huyssteen - geloof, integriteit en 'n hart vir jongmense

In afwagting op 'n onderhoud met proponent Rudiger van Huyssteen (nou ds Rudiger van Huyssteen) by Fynbos Shoppe voor Gansbaai-hawe, ry 'n windverwaaide jongman op 'n fiets by die venster verby. Hy klim af, sluit sy fiets en stap binne. "Aangename kennis, ek is Rudiger van Huyssteen," stel hy homself voor. Binne minute verdwyn die eerste indruk van 'n windverwaaide jongman op 'n fiets. In sy plek staan 'n volwasse jongman met onwrikbare geloof, integriteit, vriendelikheid, openheid en eerlikheid.

Rudiger (26) het 'n beroep as voltydse leraar, met die fokus op gesins- en jeugbediening, na die NG-gemeente Gansbaai aanvaar. Hy is op Saterdag 1 Augustus 2026 as leraar bevestig (sien berig elders in hierdie uitgawe). Sy bediening het behoorlik afgeskop met vyf intreepreke: 'n jeugdiens op Sondag 2 Augustus, gevolg deur Gansbaai op 9 Augustus en daarna, weekliks, onderskeidelik te Baardskeerdersbos, Pearly Beach en die VGK-gemeente in Blompark. Kan dit dalk 'n rekord vir intreepreke in die NG Kerk wees?

Rudiger is op 2 Februarie 2000 in Vanderbijlpark gebore, waar hy in 2018 aan Hoërskool Transvalia matriculeer. Reeds op skool was hy 'n uitblinker op sportgebied en het aan atletiek (naellope), rugby, skaak, fietsry, muurbal en later marathons deelgeneem. In 2019 begin hy met sy voorgraadse studies vir die graad Baccalaureus in Teologie (BTh) aan die Universiteit Stellenbosch. In 2023 verwerf hy sy Meestersgraad (MDiv - *Magister Divinitatis*). Tydens sy praktiese jaar in Villiersdorp voltooi hy ook 'n nagraadse diploma in Kerklike Bediening. In November 2024 word hy as predikant in die NG Kerk gevestig. Daarna dien hy vir ses maande as medeleraar in die NG Gemeente Welgelegen in Stellenbosch. Gedurende die daaropvolgende ses maande tree hy gereeld as aflosleraar op waar hy benodig word. Aan die begin van 2026 dien hy as aflosleraar in die NG Gemeente Marchand naby Kakamas, vanwaar hy na die NG-gemeente Gansbaai beroep is.

Rudiger se ouers woon steeds in Vanderbijlpark. Sy pa, Ian, is 'n mediese praktisyn en narkotiseur, terwyl sy ma, Jean, 'n maatskaplike werker is wat tans met 'n doktorsgraad in Maatskaplike Werk besig is. Sy suster, Ciska (31), werk die afgelope ses jaar in Luxemburg. Vir die baie enkelopende jong dames in Gansbaai is daar egter slegte nuus. Rudiger en Michelle Burger van Robertson het hulle op 13 November 2025 verloof en beplan om op 21 November 2026 in Robertson in die huwelik te bevestig te word. Michelle het in Robertson grootgeword en matriculeer. Sy het Sportwetenskap studeer en 'n

Ds Rudiger van Huyssteen en sy verloofde, Michelle Burger, nadat hy drie dae na hierdie onderhoud as leraar van die NG-gemeente Gansbaai ingehuldig is.



honneursgraad in kinder kinetika verwerf. Ná die troue beplan sy om haar by Rudiger in Gansbaai aan te sluit, waar sy hoop om by 'n skool betrokke te raak. Sy is ook 'n netbal- en atletiekafrigter. Sonder twyfel vorm hulle 'n fikse egpaar wat albei lief is vir sport, draf en gimnasiumoefening.

"Soos jy seker agtergekom het, hinkel ek," sê Rudiger reguit. "Ek hinkel al vandat ek ses jaar oud was." Hy vertel dat dit tot in Graad 10 'n groot uitdaging was, veral vir sy selfbeeld. "In Graad 10 het ek die intensiewe spraakkursus, McGuire-kursus, deurloop, waar daar ook baie op my selfbeeld gefokus is. Die sukses van die kursus het my laat besef dat die Here my net so wil gebruik. Dit is toe dat ek besluit het om Teologie te studeer."

Wanneer hy sy roeping opsom, sê Rudiger hy besef dat hy uniek geskape is en dat dit glad nie meer vir hom 'n probleem is om voor groepe mense te praat nie. Sy spraak het oor die afgelope vyf jaar merkbaar verbeter en verbeter steeds. "Ek beskou my spraakgebrek as my 'doringkroon' - nie as 'n las wat my terughou nie, maar as een wat ek met trots dra," sê hy. Hierdie gesindheid het hy reeds tydens sy eerste twee intreepreke bewys deur openlik en eerlik oor sy hinkel te praat.

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Two Struisbaai African Penguins Given a Second Chance

For the past 20 years, since Wilfred Chivell founded the Dyer Island Conservation Trust, invaluable partnerships have been built not only with scientists from around the world, but also with dedicated individuals who play a vital role in protecting our marine wildlife.

One such partnership is with Niel and Pamela Falck, who live in Struisbaai, just over 80 kilometres from Kleinbaai, Gansbaai, where the African Penguin and Seabird Sanctuary (APSS) is situated. Niel is a well-known wild bird rehabilitator and conservationist in the Struisbaai area and is often the first person the local community calls when a bird is found injured or in distress. Together, he and Pamela have become indispensable first responders for critically endangered African Penguins in the region.



a hard plastic band tightly wedged around its neck and through its mouth. Unable to close its beak properly, the bird had been unable to feed and was in obvious pain and distress. Recognising that every minute mattered, Niel and Pamela carefully removed the plastic. The penguin's beak could barely close afterwards, indicating that the plastic had likely been lodged there for a considerable time. Niel immediately administered electrolytes to stabilise the bird while Xolani made the journey from Gansbaai to collect it.

Last Monday evening, a severely injured African Penguin was discovered on the beach with what appeared to be a shark bite. A concerned community member contacted Niel, who immediately collected the bird and ensured it was kept safe until Xolani Lawu, Senior Bird Rehabilitator at the African Penguin and Seabird Sanctuary (APSS), could drive through later that evening to collect it. The penguin was examined by Dr Annemarie Roberts, who took X-rays to assess the extent of its injuries. Thankfully, despite the severity of the wound, there were no broken bones. The bird is responding well to treatment and continues to recover under the care of the APSS rehabilitation team.



There is already encouraging news. According to Xolani, the penguin's mouth is beginning to close again, although only slightly. It is eagerly eating small pieces of fish and, on Sunday, enjoyed its first swim since arriving at the sanctuary.

These two rescues are another reminder of how essential community involvement is to conserving one of the world's most threatened seabirds. "We can't do this on our own. The coastline is simply too vast for the Marine Dynamics and Dyer Island Conservation Trust teams to monitor alone. We rely on communities to be our eyes and ears, and we are incredibly grateful to people like Niel, Pamela and the Struisbaai community, who are always alert and willing to help marine animals in need," says Wilfred Chivell. Every phone call, every rescue and every person who chooses to act can make the difference between life and

death for an endangered African Penguin.
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Christine Wessels - Marine Dynamics

Just a few days later, on Friday, Niel received another call. This time, the patient was a severely emaciated African Penguin with

Edward Jantjies appointed Acting Municipal Manager

Mr Edward Jantjies has been appointed by the Overstrand Municipal Council as Acting Municipal Manager for the duration of Dr Dean O'Neill's secondment to George Municipality. He will assume his duties on Tuesday, 11 August 2026.

Mr Jantjies brings more than 31 years of experience in local government, having served in senior management positions across finance, corporate services, human resources, and organisational development. He specialises in municipal governance, performance management, labour relations, and the implementation of the Municipal Staff Regulations.

The Acting Municipal Manager said one of the highlights of his career was serving as Director: Corporate Services at Mossel Bay Municipality from 2007 to 2022, as well as working as a Lead Consultant for Talent Management. He holds a Master of Public Administration (MPA) from North-West University, a Postgraduate Diploma in Public Management, a Higher Diploma in Education, a Bachelor of Economics, and several other qualifications and professional certifications in local government,

finance, human resources, and governance.

Overstrand Executive Mayor, Alderman Archie Klaas, said: "Council is confident that Mr Jantjies' extensive knowledge and experience in local government will ensure continuity, sound governance, and the effective administration of the Municipality during this period. We wish him every success in his new role."

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Dr Dean O'Neill**



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The Mystery Nurse of the Gladiator

In October 1976, I was a young nurse working night duty at the famous Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town while living in Hout Bay, then a small fishing community. When an opportunity arose to join a salvage mission around Cape Point late one afternoon, it piqued my interest so much that I simply couldn't resist the adventure. I skipped my upcoming nursing shift the following night, completely unaware that I wouldn't touch dry land again for days.

The boat was the *Gladiator*, a 72-foot commercial wooden fishing vessel. On board was Eddie Liprini, the skipper. During the night we collected Peter Mason from Hermanus Harbour, where he was managing the salvage operation. Also on board were myself and two local fishermen, neither of whom could swim. We spent an entire day loading incredibly heavy salvage cargo from the *Oriental Pioneer*, a massive bulk carrier that had run aground near Struisbaai, close to Cape Agulhas. We loaded the *Gladiator* with huge engine components, including heavy pistons and cylinder sleeves. The sheer weight of the cargo placed enormous structural strain on the vessel. In fact, the transom - the stern of the boat - had already developed a slight split before we even left Hout Bay, although I knew nothing about it at the time.

After a long day of loading, we rounded Danger Point in heavy, freezing swells after dark. The cargo shifted, placing even greater stress on the damaged transom. It split further, and the boat began listing and taking on water at an alarming rate. The *Gladiator* was equipped with two pumps capable of removing 120 litres of water per minute, but they stood absolutely no chance against the volume of water flooding in. I was asleep below deck when it happened. The moment I was awakened, I instinctively knew I had to get out and jump clear. Within minutes, the *Gladiator* had turned turtle and disappeared beneath the waves.

We found ourselves in the freezing ocean in the dead of night. To make matters even worse, the operating procedures at the Danger Point Lighthouse had recently changed. The lighthouse was no longer continuously manned, as the keeper was now permitted to sleep in a nearby house rather than remain in the tower overnight. As a result, no one saw the distress flares we fired. The next morning, to my surprise, the newspaper carried a report of the shipwreck. I was described only as the unnamed "onboard photographer."

When I finally managed to contact the hospital matron - there were no cell phones in those days - I had to explain that I couldn't report for duty because I had lost my hard contact lenses in the shipwreck and couldn't see well enough to drive to work. It took a week to have a new pair made, as soft contact lenses were not yet available. The Matron of Groote Schuur Hospital at the time, Ms Hardcastle, replied: "I have heard every excuse for missing duty, but a shipwreck survivor certainly takes the cake!" Following the disaster, an official investigation and court

case examined the loss of the vessel. The *Gladiator* was owned by the owner of Tuna Marine, who ultimately lost both the court case and the insurance claim after it was established that the transom had already been damaged before the vessel left Hout Bay Harbour. Judge Farlam presided over the inquiry - it was a high-profile legal case.

Many years later, during a visit back to Danger Point, I finally learned about the lighthouse rule change. At last, the mystery was solved as to why no one had seen our distress flares that terrible night. We truly escaped death more than once - surviving the rapid sinking, the freezing sea and the shark-infested waters off the Gansbaai coast. It remains an absolute miracle that every one of us walked off the harbour quay alive. We were all incredibly fortunate, and I was able to complete my nursing training in 1977. Now, as the 50th anniversary approaches, I would like to return to Gansbaai to try to find the person who helped save our lives. Looking back at the old newspaper clipping, I realised that this individual was sadly never mentioned or acknowledged. If anyone is able to help, they can send an email to me at nancy.soller.daphne@gmail.com. (Shortened: Hardus Botha)

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Ds Willie Kotze, dr Liesel Joubert, Michelle Burger (verloofde), ds Rudiger van Huyssteen, Ian en Jean van Huyssteen (ouers) en ds Hanri Joubert.



Intreepreek - Ds Rudiger van Huyssteen.

Op Saterdag, 1 Augustus 2026, het proponent Rudiger van Huyssteen se groot dag aangebreek toe hy as voltydse leraar van die NG-gemeente Gansbaai, met die fokus op gesins- en jeugbediening, bevestig is. Dr Liesel Joubert het die diens gelei, terwyl ds Hanri Joubert en ds Willie Kotze elk 'n rol tydens Rudiger se bevestiging vervul het. Voordat die verrigtinge begin het, het Hanri vir Willie met 'n geskenk verras. Willie is die vorige Sondag presies 30 jaar gelede as leraar van die NG-gemeente Gansbaai bevestig. 'n Verbaasde Willie kon maar net lekker saamlag toe Hanri hom onkant betrap.



Intreepreek (Gesinsdiens): voor - ds Rudiger van Huyssteen, Alet du Preez, Anthia de Villiers en Adriaan Basson. Agter - Asanti Smit, Stiaan Fourie en Elizabeth Joubert.

besondere simboliese betekenis - om sy skouers gehang. Albei hierdie oomblikke was besonder emosioneel vir Rudiger.

Die kerkkoor het *God se Belofte* vir Rudiger gesing, terwyl Asanti Smit en Elizabeth Joubert, saam met hul groepie kinders, vir die uitvoering van pragtige liedere gesorg het. Ná afloop van die verrigtinge is smaaklike verversings in die Pretoriussaal geniet, waar Rudiger op 'n ontspanne wyse met gemeentelêde kon verkeer.

Rudiger se eerste intreepreek

Rudiger het die volgende dag, Sondag 2 Augustus 2026, sy eerste van vyf intreepreke tydens die gesinsdiens in die Pretoriussaal gelewer. Hy het gefokus op Saggeus in die boom (Lukas 19:1–10), met die sentrale boodskap dat mense die Here in jou lewe moet raaksien wanneer hulle na jou kyk. Ná afloop van die diens het Rudiger saam met die gesinne gekuier en verversings geniet. Die Gans-Berg Nuus verwelkom ds Rudiger van Huyssteen hartlik en wens hom geluk met sy aanstelling as voltydse leraar van die NG-gemeente Gansbaai. Mag sy bediening in Groter Gansbaai ryklik geseën wees.

Hardus Botha



SAPD vra hulp om onbekende oorledene te identifiseer

Die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisie (SAPD) in

Stanford doen 'n beroep op die publiek om te help met die identifisering van 'n onbekende man wie se liggaam op Sondag, 2 Augustus 2026, by Sopiesklipstrand, Die Plaat, naby De Kelders uitgespoel het. Die liggaam is deur 'n groep stappers ontdek, wat die ontdekking aan die SAPD gerapporteer het. Die Plaat val binne die Stanford-SAPD se polisiegebied, en die ondersoekbeampte is speursersant Kolisi.

Die Gans-Berg Nuus het sers. Kolisi vandag, Dinsdag, 11 Augustus 2026, by die Hermanushof opgespoor. Hy het bevestig dat die liggaam nog nie geïdentifiseer is nie. "Ons het die liggaam aan die patoloog in Hermanus oorhandig, wat 'n nadoodse ondersoek op hom sal

doen," het sers. Kolisi gesê. "Hulle sal ook vingerafdrukke neem en behoort in die komende week die resultate beskikbaar te stel. Ek hoop dat dit ons probleem met die identifikasie kan oplos."

Volgens sers. Kolisi, asook die patoloog, word vermoed dat die oorledene 'n bruin man in sy middel-dertigerjare is. Sy liggaam was reeds in 'n gevorderde stadium van ontbinding. Sers. Kolisi het ook bevestig dat daar talle tatoeëermerke op die liggaam is en dat die oorledene 'n rooi kortbroek aangehad het. Sers. Kolisi doen steeds 'n beroep op lede van die gemeenskap wat moontlik oor inligting beskik wat met die ondersoek kan help. Sy kontaknommer, wat foutief deur ander partye op sosiale media geplaas is, is as **066 106 6049** bevestig.

Hardus Botha

Gansies blink uit in artistiese gimnastiek

"Ons vyf artistieke gimnaste het op 7 Augustus 2026 tydens die Wes-Kaap Kampioenskappe vir Artistiese Gimnastiek gewys dat talent, dissipline en deurstellingsvermoë 'n wenkombinasie is," het Laerskool Gansbaai (LSG) laat weet. "Julle prestasies is 'n bewys van die ure se oefening, harde werk en toewyding wat agter elke roetine lê."

Baie geluk aan die volgende gimnaste met hul prestasies: *Carmien du Toit - Silwer; *Marilet Marais - Silwer; Danielle Corbett - Goud; Zaan de Wet - Silwer; Lia du Toit - Goud. Lia het ook Vlak 3 Top 10-status verwerf - baie geluk, Lia!

"Ons is ongelooflik trots op elkeen van julle. Mag hierdie prestasies die begin wees van nog vele hoogtepunte!"

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LSG-skaakspelers blink uit in Stellenbosch



Isabelle de Villiers en Anneke du Preez.

Laerskool Gansbaai (LSG) se Anneke du Preez (Graad 6) en Isabelle de Villiers (Graad 4) het die afgelope naweek aan die Cape Winelands Queens Rapid-skaaktoernooi in Stellenbosch deelgeneem.

"Hulle het baie goed teen sterk kompetisie gevaar," skryf Annette Wessels van LSG. "Isabelle het 12de in die o/12-afdeling geëindig, terwyl Anneke die eerste plek in die o/14-afdeling behaal het." Die skool is baie trots

op dié twee Gansies wat hul talente ook oor naweke met soveel toewyding ontwikkel en uiteleef.

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Isabelle de Villiers - 1ste plek in o/14-afdeling.



Joe Smit, 'n lid van die Birkenhead Boothengelklub, het só trots van hierdie rooi steenbras vertel dat die foto summier uit die argiewe gehaal moes word as 'bewys'. "Ek het hierdie pragtige rooi steenbras verlede Desember by Struisbaai gevang, maar ongelukkig nie die gewig aangeteken nie," het Joe gesê.

Hardus Botha

Veertien Gansies haal Overberg-landloopspan

Die Gansie-landloopspan het die 2026-Overberg-landloopseisoen op 'n hoë noot afgesluit, met 14 atlete wat vir die Overberg-landloopspan gekies is. Hulle neem op Saterdag 8 Augustus 2026 aan die Boland-proewe in die Paarl deel.

"Elke atleet se lojale toewyding, deursettingsvermoë en volharding het vrugte afgewerp," het hul afrigter, Christien Haxton, gesê. "Ek is ongelooflik trots op elkeen, asook op die res van die spanlede wat net so hard gewerk en hul beste gelewer het."

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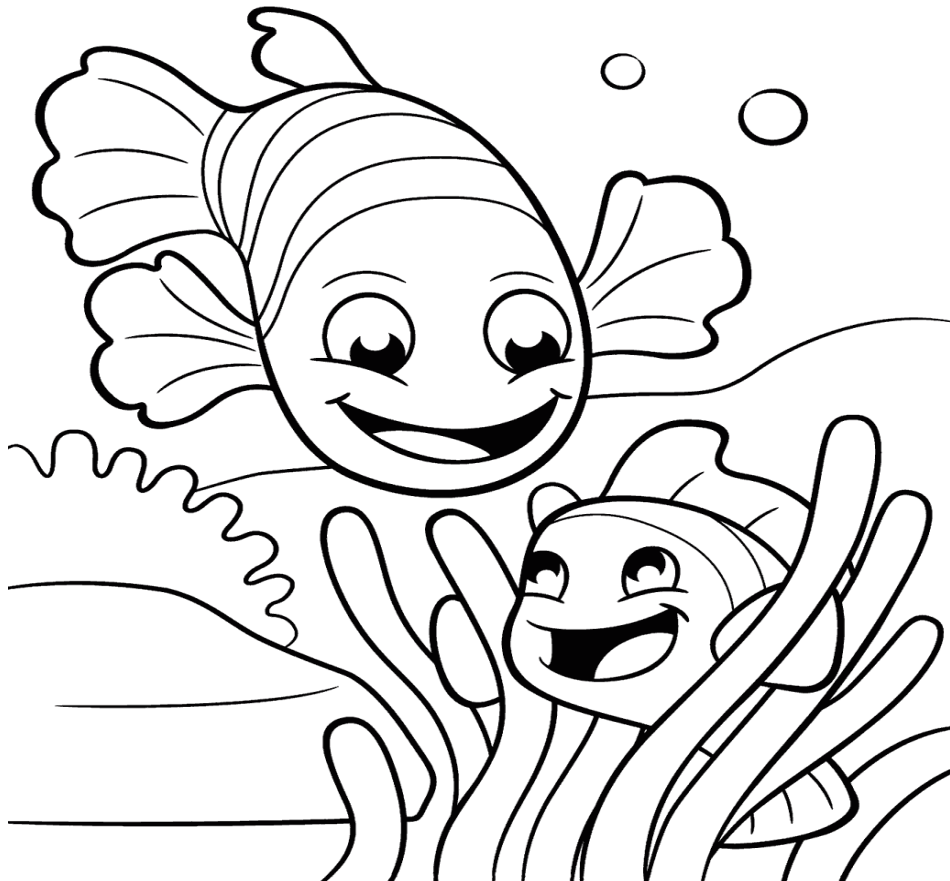
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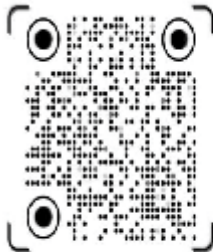
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Ward Committee Members honoured for dedicated service

"In appreciation of your dedicated service and valuable contribution to the Overstrand Municipality and its communities as a Ward Committee Member during the 2021-2026 Ward Committee Cycle," read the certificates presented to Ward Committee Members from across the Overstrand on various occasions recently.

The events were not formal Ward Committee meetings, but recognition ceremonies held to acknowledge members for their contribution to local government and community participation. Certificates were awarded only to Ward Committee Members who attended more than 50% of Ward Committee meetings during the 2025/26 financial year.

Overstrand Executive Mayor, Alderman Archie Klaas, thanked the Ward Councillors and Ward Committee Members for their service, dedication, and valuable input. He said Ward Committees play an essential role in strengthening communication between residents and the Municipality. He thanked members for generously giving of their time, serving as the ears on the ground in their communities, and acting as the link between their organisations and the Municipality.

The Mayor also recognised members who have served for two consecutive terms, having first been appointed during the 2016-

2021 term: *David Hagen - Stanford Conservation Association (formerly Ward 11, now Ward 1); *Mthuthuzeli - Masakhane Churches (formerly Ward 1, now Ward 2); *Dorah Siduka - Ubomi Obuhle Organisation (formerly Ward 1, representing the Masakhane Residents' Association, now Ward 2); *Archibald Chambers - Franskraal Ratepayers' and Residents' Association (formerly representing the Franskraal Bowls Club in Ward 1, now Ward 11); *Henry Dyers - Buffeljags Health and Welfare (Ward 11); *Manie van Dyk - Gansbaai Marine Empowerment Trust (formerly Ward 2, now Ward 14).

Ward Councillors Riana de Coning and Steven Fourie also thanked the administrative staff for their support. These sentiments were echoed by the Kleinbaai Ratepayers' Association in a letter to the Municipality, which praised Seulene de Villiers for her respectful approach, willingness to assist, and consistently positive attitude. The Association noted that these qualities contribute to efficient and professional service delivery.

The editorial team of the Gans-Berg News congratulates these Ward Committee Members on their valuable contributions to the Overstrand Municipality and its communities.
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Adriaan Kloppers.

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Koos Myburgh.

Cecil Galloway palm Saterdag, 8 Augustus 2026 se Maandelikse Houespel in, met Hugo Groenewald wat 'n Arend in dieselfde wedstryd aanteken - geluk aan dié twee manne!

Woensdag, 5 Augustus:

Adriaan Kloppers wen die Enkel Stableford Sloegterskompetisie met 38 punte, gevolg deur Anton Jordaan 36, Leon Lombaard 36, Andrew Dalgleish 35, Hugo Groenewald 35, Theunis van Schoor 35, Clive Bailey 34, Stephen Jackson 33, Cobus Dippenaar 32 en Cecil Galloway 32.

Spog Twee: Cobus Dippenaar (17).

Naaste aan Pen (15, Geel): Adriaan Kloppers.

Vrydag, 7 Augustus:

Koos Myburgh wen die 9-putjie Enkel Stableford met 22 punte, gevolg deur Pieter Uys 20, Jacques Louw 19, Gavin Flint 18,

Owen Huxham 17, Jacobus Bothma 14, Pieter Smal 14, Lionel Kemm 13, Christi Thompson 13 en Sakkie van der Merwe 13.

Saterdag, 8 Augustus:

Cecil Galloway wen die Maandelikse Houespel met 62 net, gevolg deur Hugo Groenewald 68, Leon Lombaard 68, Pieter Smal 72, Bertie Laubscher 72, Adriaan Kloppers 72, Joe Cesare 73, Clive Bailey 74, N Groenewald 74 en Johan Coetzee 75.

Hugo Groenewald teken 'n Arend op Putjie no 1 aan - veels geluk, Hugo!

Spog Twee's: Bev Swart (11) en Malcolm Bury (15).

Die komitee en lede bedank Pieter Smal vir die

Maandelikse Houespel Trofeetjies wat hy borg.

Saterdag 15 Augustus:

Kompetisie is 'n Gekombineerde Enkel Stableford.

Verjaarsdae:

Rory Harrop (15de), JT le Roux (17de), PA Farrell (18de) en Jason Pretorius (19de).

Algemene Jaarvergadering:

Donderdag, 20 Augustus 2026 om 17:30.

Groete, Johan Coetzee

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Gansbaai ons het NUUS !!

The National Lotteries Commission-Funded HIV & TB Awareness Programme Launches in Gansbaai.

Sunshine Nation NPO (NPO 311-451) is proud to announce the launch of its HIV and TB Awareness Programme, made possible through funding of R464,829.07 from the National Lotteries Commission (NLC).

This programme is funded by the National Lotteries Commission and implemented by Sunshine Nation NPO in partnership with Ikamva Blompark, bringing vital HIV and TB awareness, education and support services to communities in the Greater Gansbaai area.

As part of this initiative, Ikamva Blompark will provide qualified healthcare staff to conduct HIV testing, as well as professional pre-test and post-test counselling services. Funding received from the National Lotteries Commission enables Sunshine Nation NPO to coordinate the programme, deliver community awareness campaigns, organise outreach events, provide educational materials, and supply refreshments during community activities.

HIV services will be available in:
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The programme will also host monthly Health Awareness Days in these communities, where residents can access:

- HIV and TB education
- HIV testing and counselling (provided by Ikamva Blompark)
- Health promotion activities
- Community support and referrals
- Free bread and cooldrink

The goal of the programme is to increase awareness, encourage regular HIV testing, promote TB prevention and treatment, reduce stigma, and improve access to health information and support within the community.

Sunshine Nation NPO sincerely thanks the National Lotteries Commission for its generous investment in community health and wellbeing. The organisation also acknowledges Ikamva Blompark for providing the professional healthcare personnel responsible for HIV testing and counselling services.

Residents are encouraged to follow Sunshine Nation NPO's social media pages for updates on weekly outreach

services and upcoming Health Awareness Days.

The NLC relies on funds from the proceeds of the National Lottery. The Lotteries Act and regulations guide the way in which NLC funding may be allocated. The NLC wants the grants to make a difference to the lives of all South Africans, especially those more vulnerable, and to improve the sustainability of the beneficiary organisations. Available funds are distributed to registered and qualifying non-profit organisations in the fields of charities; arts, culture, and national heritage; and sport and recreation. By placing its emphasis on areas of greatest need and potential, the NLC contributes to South Africa's development.

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CapeNature pays tribute to wildfire heroes



CapeNature hosted an appreciation event in Velddrif on 4 August 2026 to honour firefighters who served on the front lines during the Western Cape's most recent fire season. A representative group attended the event on behalf of CapeNature's larger cohort of Field Rangers and firefighters working across the province.

Despite extreme heat and challenging terrain, the firefighters remained steadfast in their commitment to protecting communities, infrastructure and the Western Cape's biodiversity. Their tireless efforts helped prevent costly damage to property and infrastructure while ensuring that damage to sensitive biodiversity was kept to a minimum. The event also recognised International Firefighters' Day, observed annually on 4 May, which honours the contributions of firefighting personnel worldwide. It followed World Ranger Day on 31 July, recognising the many CapeNature Field Rangers who also serve as firefighters.

CapeNature also acknowledged the agencies and organisations that supported wildfire response efforts throughout the season. These included local municipalities, the City of Cape Town, the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, the Provincial Disaster Management Centre, Working on Fire, various Fire Protection Associations, Volunteer Wildlife Services, private landowners who assisted firefighting efforts, and many others.

The representative group and CapeNature's partners were recognised by Western Cape Minister for Local

Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, Anton Bredell. "The reality is that firefighting is one of the most physically demanding occupations imaginable. You work in extreme heat, often carrying heavy equipment across steep mountain terrain for many hours at a time. Thank you for your professionalism. Thank you for your courage. Thank you for the sacrifices your families make alongside you. And thank you for protecting the extraordinary natural heritage that belongs to every resident of the Western Cape. You represent the very best of the public service," said Minister Bredell.

CapeNature CEO Dr Ashley Naidoo said: "Our firefighters continue to go above and beyond to protect our communities, biodiversity and infrastructure, often under extremely difficult conditions. Our long-term trend analysis shows that the number of fires remains on a significant upward trajectory, with the average area burned per fire having more than doubled over the past 20 years." Although the fire season typically runs from October to April, the 2025/26 season began with 35 fires during spring before the Cederberg Wilderness Area experienced its largest wildfire since 1997. Approximately 53,310 hectares burned, affecting 75% of the reserve.

Two large fires in January burned a further 33,719 hectares in the Paarl, Franschoek and Jonkershoek areas, destroying the National Monument Chamonix Hotel. In total, 67,908 hectares burned during the January to March period alone.

CapeNature responded to 107 wildfire incidents, which collectively burned 215,936 hectares. Of this total, just under 76,650 hectares were on land managed by CapeNature. "A fire that looked contained could suddenly shift with the wind and escalate quickly," said Ethan le Fleur, a CapeNature Field Ranger and firefighter. "You are exhausted, but you keep going because people are depending on you - your team, communities and the landscapes we protect." CapeNature firefighter Claudene Zimri added: "The physical and emotional demands are intense, but so is the motivation to keep protecting lives and the environment. What stands out is how different organisations work together. That support makes the hardest days manageable."



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