

DA stel wykskandidate vir 2026-verkiezing bekend

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Laerskool Gansbaai (LSG) se Gansies het as winners uit die stryd getree tydens die Interskole-sportbyeenkoms teen Laerskool De Villiers Graaff, die Akkedissies - 'n trotse oomblik te midde van hul 120-jarige feesviering - Baie geluk, Gansies! Die wenner word bepaal deur elke skool se gesamentlike punte in skaak, landloop, rugby en netbal. Geluk ook aan die Akkedissies met hul wen van die Geesbeker - julle het behoorlik 'gees' aan hierdie pragtige byeenkoms gegee!

Groot gelukwense aan Laerskool Gansbaai (LSG se Gansies) met hul 120ste bestaansjaar op 31 Oktober 2026. Dit was 'n lang, maar suksesvolle pad. Met LSG se 120ste feesviering is enkele opwindende aktiwiteite reeds agter die rug, onder

meer 'n Geesdag en Pretstap met 'n vlot deur die dorp, die Interskole teen Laerskool De Villiers Graaff en die Gansie Staldans.

Waarna kan nog uitgesien word?

*Trolley Run by OK Foods - 12 September; *Verjaarsdagviering by die skool - 16 Oktober; *Gansie Ouer-en-Kind Gholfdag - 23 Oktober; *Gansie Gholfdag - 24 Oktober; *120 Jaar Kapsuleseremonie - 31 Oktober; *120 Jaar Feesdinee by De Uijlenes - 31 Oktober.

Die Gans-Berg Nuus wens Laerskool Gansbaai alle sterkte toe met die res van hul verjaarsdagviering - dankie vir 'n puik skool in ons dorp! Baie geluk met 120 jaar, - mag daar nog baie suksesvolle jare vir julle voorlê!

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Die Demokratiese Alliansie (DA) het op 1 September 2026 sy span wykskandidate aangekondig wat die 2026 Plaaslike Regeringsverkiesing in Overstrand sal betwis. "Na aanleiding van 'n streng keuringsproses wat opleiding, prestasie-assesserings, opdragte, 'n eksamen en onderhoude voor onafhanklike keuringspanele ingesluit het, glo ons dat ons 'n sterk span bekwame en toegewyde mense na vore bring wat verstaan dat openbare amp oor een ding gaan: om inwoners te dien," het Rikus Badenhorst, Lid van die Parlement (LP) en NKR-kiesafdelingshoof vir Overstrand, gesê. "Ons kandidate verteenwoordig die gemeenskappe van Overstrand - van Stanford en Gansbaai tot Hermanus, Hawston, Kleinmond, Betty's Bay en Pringlebaai - en bring ervaring, vars energie en 'n vasberadenheid om dinge gedoen te kry."

Rikus het bygevoeg dat die DA die komende verkiesing met 'n duidelike verbintenis tot die mense van Overstrand tegemoet gaan: om werk te skep, misdaad te bekamp, korrupsie te beëindig en uitstekende basiese dienste te lewer. "Dit beteken dat die gesonde finansiële bestuur en goeie regering waarop Overstrand sy reputasie gebou het, beskerm moet word, terwyl meer gedoen word om infrastruktuur in stand te hou en uit te brei, paaie en openbare ruimtes te verbeter, ekonomiese groei en toerisme te ondersteun, geleenthede vir jongmense te skep en veiliger gemeenskappe te bou," het hy gesê. Hy het erken dat goeie regering nooit té selfvoldaan kan raak nie, maar dat hulle taak is om die standaard verder te verhoog.

Die kandidate is:

*Die Burgemeesterskandidaat is Clinton Lerm.

*Die Wykskandidate is: Wyk 1 - Kathryn Marshall; Wyk 2 - Msa Nomatiti; Wyk 3 - Kari Brice; Wyk 4 - Ronald Nutt; Wyk 5 - Lindile Ntsabo; Wyk 6 - Hanni Morgan; Wyk 7 - Robbie Roberts; Wyk 8 - Elnora Gillion; Wyk 9 - Wayne Jackson; Wyk 10 - Theresa Els; Wyk 11 - Steven Fourie; Wyk 12 - Fundi Tshaba; Wyk 13 - Charmaine Resandt; Wyk 14 - Riana De Coning; Wyk 15 - Arnie Africa.

"Op 4 November 2026 het Overstrand-inwoners 'n keuse:



om die vordering wat ons gemaak het te beskerm en daarop voort te bou, of om die risiko te loop van die onstabiliteit en agteruitgang wat ons elders gesien het - die DA het 'n rekord om te verdedig, 'n aksieplan en, die belangrikste, 'n span wat gereed is om te werk," het Riana de Coning gesê.

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Geletterdheidskrisis verg nasionale optrede

Gansbaai se 'Leesfabriek'.



"Om 'n kind se vermoë om te lees te verander, kan die verloop van sy of haar hele lewe verander."

Met verwysing na Gans-Berg Nuus se voorbladberig van 28 Augustus 2026, "Gansbaai Library - An Indispensable Community Resource", is dit sekerlik gepas om met Internasionale Geletterdheidsdag, wat op 8 September 2026 wêreldwyd herdenk word, oor geletterdheid te berig. In die voorbladberig is die belangrikheid van Gansbaai Biblioteek en ander biblioteke uitgelig. Vir meer as 'n halfeeu voorsien Gansbaai se biblioteek die gemeenskap van 'n ryke verskeidenheid boeke, legkaarte, studiemateriaal vir plaaslike leerders, toegang tot rekenaars en nog veel meer - en veral leesgeleenthede. Tans is Edna van der Linde die energieke bibliotekaresse aan die stuur van sake.

Die 2021 Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) het bevind dat 81% van Suid-Afrikaanse Graad 4-leerders nie met begrip in enige taal kon lees nie. Meer onlangse, nasionaal verteenwoordigende data van die Departement van Basiese Onderwys se Funda Uphumelele Nasionale Opname, toon dat slegs 30% van Graad 1- tot 3-leerders op graadsvlak in hul huistaal lees. In sommige gevalle kan tot 'n kwart van Graad 3-leerders nie 'n

enkele woord lees nie.

READ Educational Trust doen opnuut 'n beroep op dringende, gesamentlike optrede om Suid-Afrika se voortslepende geletterdheidskrisis aan te spreek. "Hierdie jaar se herdenking is besonder betekenisvol, aangesien Internasionale Geletterdheidsdag sy 60ste bestaansjaar vier," lui die boodskap. "Die tema vir 2026 is 'Geletterdheid vir mense, planeet en voorspoed', wat geletterdheid as 'n kragtige instrument vir insluiting, geleenthede, volhoubare ontwikkeling en ekonomiese deelname beklemtoon." Carol Read, uitvoerende hoof van READ Educational Trust - 'n baanbrekerorganisasie op die gebied van geletterdheid - beklemtoon dat die aanpak van Suid-Afrika se geletterdheidskrisis 'n gesamentlike reaksie vereis wat verder as die klaskamer strek. Onderwysers speel 'n kritieke rol, maar ouers, gemeenskappe, die regering, die burgerlike samelewing, die private sektor en, sonder twyfel, biblioteke, het almal 'n rol te speel om omgewings te skep waarin kinders aan boeke, stories, taal en 'n leeskultuur blootgestel word. Dit is 'n rol wat, volgens die voorbladberig waarna verwys is, uitstekend deur Gansbaai Biblioteek vertolk word.

Hardus Botha

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3. Welkom Hoërskool — bemoedigingskaartjies, Laerskool Gansbaai.

4. SAPS-lede op verhoof tydens voorleëting, Laerskool Gansbaai.

Oor die geleentheid:
Op 3 September 2026 het lede van Gansbaai SAPS Laerskool Gansbaai besoek om Gr7-leerders te bemoedig.

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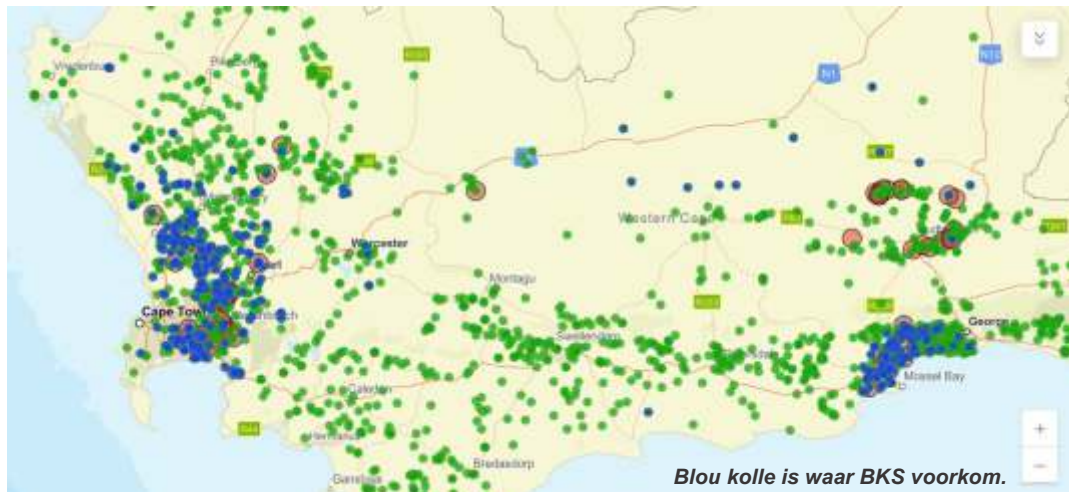


BKS-tekens minder sigbaar: Boere moet waaksaam wees

Agri Wes-Kaap en RPO Wes-Kaap het terugvoering gegee ná afloop van die Provinsiale JOC-vergadering. Dr Magadla van die Departement van Landbou se Veeartsenydienste het 'n belangrike waarskuwing aan alle produsente herhaal: Entstof is nie 'n geneesmiddel vir bek-en-klousee (BKS) nie - biosekuriteit en bewegingsbeheer moet steeds die absolute prioriteit wees.

Belangrike waarskuwing: BKS-tekens is minder sigbaar

Die mees kommerwekkende ontwikkeling op hierdie stadium is dat die kliniese tekens van BKS by besmette diere al hoe minder opvallend raak as wat voorheen die geval was. Waar boere en veeartse voorheen op duidelike, herkenbare tekens kon staatmaak om die siekte



vroegetydig op te spoor, is dit nou nie meer so eenvoudig nie. Selfs op plase waar diere reeds twee keer ingeënt is, word diere steeds siek. Die tekens wat hulle toon, is egter meer subtiel en kan maklik misgekyk word.

Dit beteken dat BKS toenemend as 'n "stille verspreider" kan optree: die siekte kan versprei sonder dat dit dadelik raakgesien word. Agri Wes-Kaap en RPO Wes-Kaap doen daarom 'n beroep op alle boere om hul diere noukeurig en meer gereeld as voorheen te inspekteer en nie slegs op ooglopende tekens staat te maak nie.

Nuutste syfers:

*Aantal beeste in die Wes-Kaap: 465 183; *Aantal ingeënte diere in die Wes-Kaap: 505 922; *Bevestigde en aktiewe gevalle in die Wes-Kaap: 34; *Bevestigde uitbrekings wat tot dusver opgelos is: 12. **82% van diere in die Wes-Kaap het reeds die primêre entstof ontvang: *Kaapse Wynlande: 66 684; *Sentraal-Karoo: 4 799; *Stad Kaapstad: 61 450; *Tuinroete: 172 711; *Overberg: 62 617; *Weskus: 137 661.

75% van hierdie inentings is deur privaat veeartse gedoen.

Agri Wes-Kaap en RPO Wes-Kaap doen weer 'n beroep op boere om:

*Diere ekstra noukeurig en gereeld te monitor, aangesien kliniese tekens nie meer so duidelik soos voorheen is nie; *Biosekuriteit as topprioriteit te handhaaf - beperk toegang, ontsmet toerusting en voertuie en pas streng bewegingsbeheer toe; *Enige vermoede van BKS onmiddellik te rapporteer, ongeag hoe klein of onduidelik die tekens mag wees; *Met entstofprogramme voort te gaan, met die verstandhouding dat entstof beskerming ondersteun, maar nie op sy eie die siekte kan uitwis nie; *By te dra tot kudde-immuniteit - voortgesette entstofdekking bly noodsaaklik om die verspreiding van die virus oor die langer termyn te beperk.

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Die Senior Burger Sangfees (SBS-groep) van Gansbaai is goed op pad na hul finale optrede op 19 September 2026. Hulle het onlangs hul eerste oefening in Stellenberg gehad. "Die vreugde van 'n bussie het herinneringe van skooldae teruggebring," vertel Annatjie. "Piekniekmandjies vol lekkernye was deel van die bagasie, en 'n spesiale dankie aan Petro Baard wat 'n smaaklike 'lunch box' vir moeë koorlede geborg het. Ons eie groep se happies was nét so welkom. Die oefening het suksesvol afgeleëp.

Hierdie is nie sommer net 'n sangfees nie - dis 'n Sángfees: 'n unieke Senior Burger Sangfees in die Wes-Kaap. Dit is ook nie 'n gestruktureerde koorfees nie - nee, net lekker massa-saamsing! Daar was geen vooraf-oudisies en/of stemklassifikasies nie. "Jy moet net 'n wysie kan hou - en jy is deel van die koor," het Annatjie destyds gesê. Annatjie, 'n ervare en professionele koorafrigter en musikant, is reeds lank 'n bekende in Gansbaai. Sy was by verskeie geleenthede as klavier- en orrelbegeleier, asook by sangprojekte, betrokke.

Annatjie bedank graag die groep se borge: Jacques Korkie Vervoer en hul bekwame busbestuurder, James; Kuslans Restaurant; The Colour Box (Salmon Herselman); en Fred Smit (DRA-ingenieur). Die SBS Massakoor, bestaande uit sowat 100 sangers, se finale optrede is op 19 September om 11:00 in die

Die Gansbaai SBS-groep op pad na hul eerste oefening, met Annatjie Smit derde van links.



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A Night to Remember for Curro's Choirs

"Choir Time" at Curro (High School and/or Primary School) in Hermanus has always been a very special occasion - and their "Encore - The Music; The Memories; The Magic" on Saturday, 5 September 2026, in the school's Hennie Mentz Hall was no exception. "Featuring the Curro Cantare Girls Chamber Choir and the Intermediate Choir," read the friendly invitation.

Curro's choir director, Maïke Skein, together with her piano accompanist, Madelein Krog, ensured a smooth-flowing programme. Listening to the various choirs, one could not help but appreciate the thoroughness with which Maïke trains the singers. Songs such as *We Believe*, *Huisie by die See*, *Halala Afrika*, *Any Dream Will Do* and several others formed part of the programme - some performed separately by the high school and primary school choirs, while several were performed jointly.

This time, the excellent orchestra deserves special mention by name: *Anri Wolmarans (flute); *Harry Attwood (saxophone and violin); *Kobus van Wyk (trumpet); *Jolani Kloppe (viola); *Janieke Prinsloo (cello); *Annemarie Rautenbach and Madelein Krog (keys); *Shavonne Venter (double bass); *Steve Gool (drum kit); *Siriletsa Nketu (djembe); *Soundworks' (sound and lighting).

A big Bravo! to the orchestra, and nothing but compliments to every learner in the two choirs - you simply sing exceptionally well! The evening actually felt far too short. Congratulations to all of you!

Hardus Botha



OVERSTRAND MUNICIPALITY	OVERSTRAND-MUNISIPALITEIT	UMASIPALA WASE-OVERSTRAND
ERF 3830, GANSBAAI (KOLGANSBAAI), OVERSTRAND MUNICIPAL AREA: APPLICATION FOR REZONING, SUBDIVISION AND AMENDMENT OF THE APPROVED SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND EXISTING CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL: ALZO CONSTRUCTION (PTY) LTD ON BEHALF OF GANSBAAI INV (PTY) LTD Notice is hereby given in terms of Sections 47 and 48 of the Overstrand Municipality Amendment By-Law on Municipal Land Use Planning, 2020 (By-Law) of the following applications applicable to Erf 3830, Gansbaai, namely: Rezoning and subdivision Application in terms of Section 16(2)(a) and Section 16(2)(d) of the By-Law for the rezoning of Erf 3830, Gansbaai to Subdivisional Area Zone and the subsequent subdivision to create the following: • 20 General Residential Zone 1: Town Housing (GR1) erven; • 1 Open Space Zone 3: Private Open Space (OS3) erf; • 2 Transport Zone 2: Private Road and Parking (TR2) erven. Amendment of the approved site development plan and existing conditions of approval Application in terms of Section 16(2)(h) of the By-Law for the amendment of the approved site development plan and existing conditions of approval to comply with the Overstrand Municipality Land Use Scheme Regulations, 2020. Full details regarding the proposals above are available for inspection during weekdays between 08:00 and 16:30 at the Division: Town and Spatial Planning, 16 Paterson Street, Hermanus, Gansbaai Library, Main Road, Rosd, Gansbaai and on the municipal website at the following link https://www.overstrand.gov.za/document/town-spatial-planning/land-use-planning-applications/ Any comments must be in writing and reach the Municipality (16 Paterson Street, Hermanus / (e) landuse@overstrand.gov.za) on or before 16 October 2026, with your name, address, contact details, interest in the application and the reasons for comment. 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ERF 3830, GANSBAAI (KOLGANSBAAI), OVERSTRAND MUNISIPALE AREA: AANSOEK OM HERSONERING, ONDERVERDELING EN WYSIGING VAN DIE GOEDGEKEURDE TERREIN-ONTWIKKELINGSPLAN EN BESTAANDE GOEDGEKEURINGSVOORWAARDES: ALZO CONSTRUCTION (PTY) LTD ON BEHALF OF GANSBAAI INV (PTY) LTD Kragtens Artikels 47 en 48 van die Overstrand Munisipaliteit Wysigingsverordening vir Munisipale Grondgebruikbeplanning, 2020 (Verordening) word hiermee kennis gegee van die volgende aansoek van toepassing op Erf 3830, Gansbaai, naamlik: Hersonering en onderverdeling Aansoek ingevolge Artikel 16(2)(a) en Artikel 16(2)(d) van die Verordening vir die hersonering van Erf 3830, Gansbaai na Onderverdelingsareasone en die daaropvolgende onderverdeling om die volgende te skep: • 20 Algemene Woonzone 1: Dophuiskema (GR1) erwe; • 1 Oopruimte Sone 3: Privaat Oopruimte (OS3) erf, en • 2 Vervoersone 2: Privaat Pad en Parkering (TR2) erwe. Wysiging van die goedgekeurde terreinontwikkelingsplan en bestaande goedgekeuringsvoorwaardes Aansoek ingevolge Artikel 16(2)(h) van die Verordening vir die wysiging van die goedgekeurde terreinontwikkelingsplan en goedgekeuringsvoorwaardes om aan die Overstrand Munisipaliteit Soneringskema-regulasies, 2020 te voldoen. Besonderhede aangaande die voorstel lê ter insae gedurende weksdae tussen 08:00 en 16:30 by die Afdeling: Stads- en Sreekebeplanning te Patersonstraat 16, Hermanus, Gansbaai Biblioteek, Hoofweg, Gansbaai en op die munisipale webtuiste by die volgende skakel https://www.overstrand.gov.za/document/town-spatial-planning/land-use-planning-applications/ Enige kommentaar moet skriftelik wees en die Munisipaliteit (Patersonstraat 16, Hermanus / (e) landuse@overstrand.gov.za) voor of op 16 Oktober 2026, met u naam, adres, kontak besonderhede, belang in die aansoek en die redes vir kommentaar. 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ISIZA 3830, GANSBAAI (KOLGANSBAAI), INDAWO KAMASIPALA WASE-OVERSTRAND: ISICELO SOKUCANDWA NGOKUTSHA, UKWAHLULWA NOKULUNGISA ISICWANGCISO SOPHUHLISO LWENDAWO ESIVUMELWEYO NEMIGAQO EKHOYO YOKUVUMELWA: I-ALZO CONSTRUCTION (PTY) LTD EGAMENI LE GANSBAAI INV (PTY) LTD Isaziso ngoko ke sinikezelwa ngokwemigathango yeCandelo lama-47 kunye nelama-48 loMthetho kaMasipala wase-Overstrand oLungisiweyo woCwangciso loSetyenziso loMhlaba kaMasipala, ka-2020 (uMthetho kaMasipala), weticelo ezilandelayo ezisebenza kwiSiza 3830, Gansbaai, ezizezi: Ukucandwa ngokutsha nokwahlulwa Isicelo ngokwemigathango yeCandelo 16(2)(a) kunye neCandelo 16(2)(d) loMthetho kaMasipala sokucandwa ngokutsha kweNdawo 3830, iGansbaai ibe yiNdawo yokuCandwa kunye nokwahlulo-hlulo olulandelayo olukwenza oku kulandelayo: • 20 Indawo Yokuhlala Ngokubanzi 1: Iploti yeNdawo yokuhlala yeDolophu (GR1); • 1 Indawo Evulekileyo 3: Iploti yeSithuba Esivulekileyo Yabucala (OS3); • 2 Indawo yezoThutho 2: Iploti yeNdlela yaBucala kunye neNdawo yokuPaka (TR2). 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Iinkcukacha eziphelelyo mayela nezi ziphakamiso zingenda ziyafumaneka ukuze zihlole kwiintauku zaphakathi evakini ukusukela phakathi kwentsimbi ye08:00 neye16:30 kwiSebe: LaziCwangciso zeDolophu noBume beNdawo, 16 Paterson Street, nakwiwebhophayili kamasisipala kweli qhakamshela ilandelayo https://www.overstrand.gov.za/document/town-spatial-planning/land-use-planning-applications/ Naziphi na izimvo mazibhalwe phantsi kwaye zifike kuMasipala (16 Paterson Street, Hermanus / (e) landuse@overstrand.gov.za) ngomhla okanye ngaphambi koko 16 Eyedwarha 2026, kunye negama lakho, idilesi, iinkcukacha zohagamshekwano, umdla lwisicelo kunye nezizathu zokuphawula. Imibuzo ngomnxeba ingenziwa kuMchwangciso weDolophu, uMnu SW van der Merwe kule nombolo 028 313 8900. UMasipala unokwala ulawamkela izimvo emva komhla wokuvala. Nabani na ongakwaziyo ukufunda okanye ukubhala angandwendwela iCandelo: loCwangciso lweDolophu noMhlaba apho aya kuthiancediswe ligosa likamasipala ekuqulungeni izimvo zabo. 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CapeNature updates commercial filming fees across its reserves

CapeNature updates commercial filming fees across its reserves from fynbos-covered mountains and indigenous forests to rugged coastlines and Marine Protected Areas, CapeNature's reserves have long provided a diverse backdrop for local and international film and television productions.

From 1 October 2026, CapeNature is updating its commercial filming tariff structure to better align fees with the scale of productions and the demands they place on protected area management. The revision includes adjustments to permit fees, base camp fees and category fees for productions of varying crew sizes, as well as the introduction of a new "Major" category for productions of 101 or more people. Rates for Environmental Control Officers, who support productions on reserves, have also been updated.

CapeNature CEO Dr Ashley Naidoo said: "Our reserves offer some of the most diverse and visually striking landscapes in the province, and it's no surprise they continue to attract local and international productions. This revised tariff structure better aligns the costs of filming with the scale of productions and the resources required to host these activities responsibly in protected areas. CapeNature remains committed to working with and supporting the film industry and ensuring that our reserves continue to offer attractive filming opportunities for productions." The new "Major" category has been introduced for productions of 101 or more people, reflecting the greater demands that large productions place on staff time, site management and infrastructure. The existing "High" category has consequently



been widened to cover teams of 31 to 100 people.

The revised rates, excluding VAT, are effective from 1 October 2026: **Permit fee: R400p; **Base camp only: R3 327,50; **Low (1-15 people): R3 300 (half day) / R5 840 (full day); **Medium (16-30 people): R6 550 (half day) / R10 650 (full day); **High (31-100 people): R9 075 (half day) / R16 350 (full day); **Major (101+ people) - new category: R13 650 (half day) / R21 000 (full day); **Environmental Control Officer: R732 (half day) / R1 200 (full day); **An

exclusivity fee, applied on a case-by-case basis for productions requiring restricted public access to a site, remains in place for sites open to the public where the scale of a shoot warrants it.

CapeNature's reserves have hosted a wide range of award-winning local and international productions over the years. Popular filming locations include the diverse landscapes across the Western Cape's fynbos, forest, mountain, coastal and Marine Protected Areas. The revised tariff structure is intended to appropriately account for the costs associated with hosting productions, while continuing to make these diverse locations available to the film industry. Productions wishing to apply for a filming permit at a CapeNature reserve, or to enquire about the new tariffs, can contact Jackie Tranmere at locations@permit.co.za.

General Manager:
Advocacy Petro van Rhyn

OVERSTRAND MUNICIPALITY	OVERSTRAND-MUNISIPALITEIT	UMASIPALA WASE-OVERSTRAND
ERF 241, 179 MARAIS STREET, FRANSKRAAL, OVERSTRAND MUNICIPAL AREA: APPLICATION FOR REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIVE TITLE DEED CONDITIONS AND DEPARTURE: WRAP PROJECT OFFICE ON BEHALF OF ANNELIZE GERSBACH Notice is hereby given in terms of Sections 47 and 48 of the Overstrand Municipality Amendment By-Law on Municipal Land Use Planning, 2020 (By-Law) of the following applications applicable to Erf 241, Franskraal, namely: Removal of restrictive title deed conditions Application in terms of Section 16(2)(f) of the By-Law for the removal of restrictive title deed condition C.(4)(d) as contained in Title Deed T114164/1997 to accommodate the proposed garage. Departures Application in terms of Section 16(2)(b) of the By-Law in order to: - relax the western lateral building line from 2m to 0m to accommodate the proposed garage and storage area; - relax the rear building line from 2m to 0m to accommodate the proposed garage and storage area, and - relax the height restriction applicable to boundary walls from 2.1m to 2.9m to accommodate a fire wall. Full details regarding the proposals above are available for inspection during weekdays between 08:00 and 16:30 at the Division: Town and Spatial Planning, 16 Paterson Street, Hermanus, Gansbaai Library, Main Road, Gansbaai and on the municipal webpage at the following link https://www.overstrand.gov.za/document/town-spatial-planning/land-use-planning-applications/ Any comments must be in writing and reach the Municipality (16 Paterson Street, Hermanus / (e) landuse@overstrand.gov.za) on or before 16 October 2026, with your name, address, contact details, interest in the application and the reasons for comment. Telephonic inquiries can be made to Mr SW van der Merwe at 028 313 8900. The Municipality may refuse to accept comments after the closing date. Any person who cannot read or write can visit the Division: Town and Spatial Planning where they will be assisted by a municipal official in formulating their comments. Please note that in terms of the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA), you will be entering into a public process and as such agree and consent to your name, surname, contact details and comment(s) may be disclosed / used in the (application) process.	ERF 241, MARAISSTRAAT 179, FRANSKRAAL, OVERSTRAND MUNISIPALE AREA: AANSOEK OM OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKENDE TITELAKTEVOORWAARDES EN AFWYKING: WRAP PROJECT OFFICE NAMENS ANNELIZE GERSBACH Kragtens Artikels 47 en 48 van die Overstrand Munisipaliteit Wysigingsverordening vir Munisipale Grondgebruikbeplanning, 2020 (Verordening) word hiermee kennis gegee van die volgende aansoek van toepassing op Erf 241, Franskraal, naamlik: Opheffing van beperkende titelaktevoorwaardes Aansoek ingevolge Artikel 16(2)(f) van die Verordening vir die opheffing van beperkende titelaktevoorwaarde C.(4)(d) soos vervat in Titelakte T114164/1997 om die voorgestelde motorhuis te akkommodeer. Afwyking Aansoek in gevolge Artikel 16(2)(b) van die Verordening ten einde die: - westelike syboulyn vanaf 2m na 0m te verslap om die voorgestelde motorhuis en stoorarea te akkommodeer; - agterboulyn vanaf 2m na 0m te verslap om die voorgestelde motorhuis en stoorarea te akkommodeer, en - hoogtebeperking van toepassing op grensmuur vanaf 2.1m na 2.9m te verslap om 'n brandmuur te akkommodeer. Besonderhede aangaande die voorstel lê ter insae gedurende weekdae tussen 08:00 en 16:30 by die Afdeling: Stads- en Streekbeplanning te Patersonstraat 16, Hermanus, Gansbaai Biblioteek, Hoofweg, Gansbaai en op die munisipale webtuiste by die volgende skakel https://www.overstrand.gov.za/document/town-spatial-planning/land-use-planning-applications/ Enige kommentaar moet skriftelik wees en die Munisipaliteit (Patersonstraat 16, Hermanus / (e) landuse@overstrand.gov.za) voor of op 16 Oktober 2026, met u naam, adres, kontak besonderhede, belang in die aansoek en die redes vir kommentaar. 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ISIZA 241, 179 MARAIS STREET, FRANSKRAAL, OVERSTRAND UMMANDLA KAMASIPALA: ISICELO SOKUSUSWA KWEEMKO EZITHINLAYO KWITAYITILE YOBUNINI KUNYE SOKUTENXA NGOKUSISIGXINA: MESSRS WRAP PROJECT OFFICE EGAMENI LE ANNELIZE GERSBACH Isiziso siyanikezelwa ngokweCandelo lama-47 nelama-48 loMthetho kaMasipala oLungisiweyo kaMasipala waseOverstrand kuCwangciso lokuSeyenziswa koMhlaba kaMasipala, ka-2020 (uMthetho kaMasipala) izicelo esebenzayo kwiSiza-241, Franskraal, esizezi: Sokususwa kweemeko ezithintelayo kwitayitile yobunini Isicelo ngokweCandelo le-16 (2)(f) loMthetho kaMasipala wokususwa kwemigqibano yetayitile ethintelayo C.(4)(d) njengoko kukuchweya kwiSizendu seShikwana T114164/1997 ukulungiselela igaraji ecetywayo. Ukutenxa Isicelo ngokweCandelo le-16 (2)(b) loMthetho kaMasipala ukuze ndi: - ulunciphisa umda wolwakha oseceleni elentshona ukusuka kwi-2m ukuya kwi-0m ukuze kulungiselewe igaraji kunye nendawo yokucina izinto ecetywayo; - ulunciphisa umda wolwakha ongasemva ukusuka kwi-2m ukuya kwi-0m ukuze kulungiselewe igaraji kunye nendawo yokucina izinto ecetywayo; kunye - nokwandisa umda wokuphakama kweendonga ezikwimida yepropati ukusuka kwi-2.1m ukuya kwi-2.9m ukuze kulungiselewe udonga lokukhusela emilweni. linkukacha eziphelileyo mayela noku kucetywayo ziyafumaneka ukuze zihlolewe phakathi evelini phakathi ko-08:00 no-16:30 kwiSebe: Town and Spatial Planning, 16 Paterson Street, Hermanus, kwiThala leeNcwadi laseGansbaai, c/o Main Road . Gansbaai nakwiwebhusayithi kamasipala kule linki ilandelayo https://www.overstrand.gov.za/document/town-spatial-planning/land-use-planning-applications/ Nazighi na izimvo mazibhalwe zize zingeniswe kuMasipala (16 Paterson Street, Hermanus / (e) landuse@overstrand.gov.za) ngomhla okanye ngaphambi komhla 16 EyeDwarha 2026, ubhalwe igama lakho, idilesi yakho kunye nomda kwisicelo nesizathu sokuhlomla kwakho. Imibuzo ngefowuni ingabuzwa Mnu. SW van der Merwe ku 028 313 8900. UMhasipala angangawumi ukwamkela amagabaza okuhlomla afunyenwe emva komhla wokuhlala. Nabantu na ongakwaziyo ukufunda okanye ukubhala angatyelela iSebe: Town and Spatial Planning. Igosa khamasipala liya kumnceda akwazi ukufaka izimvo zakhe. Nceda uphawule ukuba ngokumayela noMthetho Wokukhuselwa kweNkcazelo yoBugu (POPIA), uza kungenza kwinkqubo yokuthatha inkcazelo kabanzi ibe ngenxa yoko uyavuma ukuba igama, ifani yakho, inkcazelo zakho zingaboniselwano namagabazo akho angadizwa / asetenziswa kwinkqubo (yokufaka isicelo).
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Wednesday 9/9/2026	Thursday 10/9/2026	Friday 11/9/2026	Saturday 12/9/2026	Sunday 13/9/2026	Monday 14/9/2026
19°	16°	16°	16°	19°	20°
Moderate Breeze 7 m/s from south-east 0 mm precipitation.	Light Breeze 2 m/s from west 0.4 mm precipitation.	Fresh Breeze 10 m/s from east 0 mm precipitation.	Fresh Breeze 9 m/s from south-east 1 mm precipitation.	Strong Breeze 11 m/s from east 0 mm precipitation.	Light Breeze 9 m/s from west 0 mm precipitation.

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11 September	0313	1529	0917	2143
12 September	0347	1601	0948	2214
13 September	0419	1633	1018	2243
14 September	0450	1704	1047	2312
15 September	0521	1734	1116	2341
16 September	0553	1805	1145	0013
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Gansbaai Gholfklub - Dirk van Dyk palm Sloegters in

Die wenner van Woensdag, 2 Augustus 2026 se Sloegterskompetisie was Dirk van Dyk, met Saterdag, 5 Augustus 2026 se Houespel-wenner as Jacques Louw. Dit wil voorkom asof die somer goed gaan met ds Dirk van Dyk, emeritusleraar, op die gholfbaan vandat hy sy 'Huisbesoek-bootjie' vir meer gereelde gholfspel verruil het!

Woensdag, 2 Augustus:

Dirk van Dyk wen die Enkel Stableford Sloegterskompetisie met 39 punte, gevolg deur Bev Swart 38, Cobus

Dippenaar 38, Marietjie de Villiers 37, Leon Lombaard 36, Dawie Viljoen 36, Johan Coetzee 35, Theunis van Schoor 35, Clive Bailey 35 en John Wellman 33.

Vrydag, 4 Augustus:

Daar was geen kompetisie nie as gevolg van die weer.

Saterdag, 5 Augustus:

Jacques Louw wen die Maandelikse Houespel met 69 net, gevolg deur D Coetzee 73, Marietjie de Villiers 75, Joe

Cesare 75, Dirk van Dyk 76, Cobus Dippenaar 79, Johan Coetzee 80, Rene Myburgh 80, Bertie Laubscher 86 en Bev Swart 88.

Spog Twee's: Cobus Dippenaar (8) en Bev Swart (17).

Brodie Liga:

Gansbaai Ligaspan verloor 4.5 / 1.5 teen Worcester in die kwarteindronde op Caledon. Die span was: Pieter Loubser (Liga Kaptein), Willem Germishuys, Melvin Tobias, JP Laubscher, Daniel van der Merwe en Francois van der Merwe.

Saterdag, 12 Augustus:

Kompetisie is 'n Enkel Stableford.

Verjaarsdae:

Adriaan Kloppers (14de), Johan du Preez (14de), Willem Germishuys (15de) en Louis Engelbrecht (16de).

Groete,

Johan Coetzee 082 878 0534



Dirk van Dyk.



Jacques Louw.



Die Brodie Liga-span, met Liga-kaptein, Pieter Loubser voor.

Western Cape communities urged to join 2026

CapeNature, in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, is calling on communities, schools, businesses and visitors across the Western Cape to take part in the annual #DontBeTrashy Drive, running from 1-30 September 2026.

The month-long campaign aims to reduce waste, protect biodiversity and raise public awareness about the growing impact of pollution on the province's land, rivers, wetlands, estuaries and coastal environments. These ecosystems are essential for supporting a variety of species, tourism, recreation, livelihoods and community wellbeing, yet they continue to face increasing pressure from litter, illegal dumping, plastic pollution, wastewater contamination and discarded fishing gear.

Waste discarded in the environment does not stay where it is left. Carried by wind, stormwater and rivers, litter often ends up in wetlands, estuaries and the ocean, where it harms wildlife, damages habitats and contributes to the growing problem of microplastic pollution. Lost fishing gear and wastewater pollution also pose serious threats to both marine ecosystems and community health. "The #DontBeTrashy Drive is about inspiring lasting behavioural change. Every item of waste that is reduced, reused or recycled is one less item that can pollute our land and marine environment. Protecting the Western Cape's unique biodiversity begins with the small choices we make every day," said Dr Ashley Naidoo, CEO of CapeNature.

Throughout September, the campaign will feature:

**School outreach for Grade 3 and 4 learners, with the potential to expand to Grades 6 and 7; **Captain Fanplastic activities and

revised waste education programmes; **LoveNature waste series videos; **Public clean-up activities with partners; **Social media education and radio interviews; **Distribution of educational collateral.



The public is encouraged to take simple but meaningful actions, including reducing single-use plastics, disposing of waste responsibly, preventing litter from entering stormwater systems, reporting illegal dumping, supporting community clean-up initiatives and sharing environmental awareness messages within their communities. By engaging learners and working together with educators and partners, we aim to develop shared responsibility for a sustainable and healthy environment from an early age. Long-term conservation success depends not only on removing waste already in the environment, but also on changing the behaviours that allow waste and

pollution to reach natural areas in the first place. Carmen van Uys from the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning: Coastal Management, as well as Ruben Hazelzet, Creative Director of Soapbox South Africa, urged communities and other roll-players to participate in this project.

We invite schools, community organisations, local businesses, municipalities, conservation partners and members of the public to support the 2026 #DontBeTrashy Drive by participating in awareness activities and clean-ups during September, while embracing waste-wise practices throughout the year.

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ACDP is here, Gansbaai!

"Our Gansbaai ACDP-team is ready to serve, and build the Kingdom of God in the political arena, as His capable, honest, God Fearing servant leaders, who hate dishonest gain - Exodus 18 verse 21," said ACDP MP, Steve Swart. "This is our invitation, an opportunity to unite as Christians in Gansbaai, to vote in our new righteous ACDP Government, together."

"Steven and I are here to support and encourage our ACDP-team in Gansbaai, and are thankful for our two candidates, Bishop Solomon Ahrends in Ward 14, and Magrieta Prins, standing in Ward 2 - true Christian leaders in their community," said Louise Swart, wife of ACDP MP, Steve Swart.

Local Government must be accountable to the people

Municipalities exist to serve communities. Yet too often, important decisions are made while ordinary residents feel excluded from the process. People should not only hear about decisions after they have already been made. They should have reasonable opportunities to know what their council is discussing, to raise concerns, and to participate in matters affecting their communities. The Bible says: "Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety." - Proverbs 11:14.

Council Meetings should be accessible

The ACDP believes municipal council meetings should, where appropriate, be open and accessible to the public. Residents should be able to understand what decisions are being made about: Water; Electricity; Roads; Sanitation; Municipal budgets; Local development; Public money. These decisions affect everyday life. The people therefore deserve transparency.

Communities must have a Voice

Public participation should not happen only when elections are near - public participation should take place on a more regular basis. Municipalities should regularly create opportunities for communities to raise concerns, ask questions, and contribute to discussions. Residents often know the problems in their communities better than distant officials do: *They know which roads are damaged; *They know where water problems exist; *They know which streetlights are broken; *They know where crime and illegal dumping are affecting neighbourhoods.

Good government listens

Transparency encourages accountability. The ACDP believes citizens should be encouraged to attend council



meetings. Open government makes it easier for citizens to ask: *Who supported this decision?; *How is public money being spent?; *Why has this project not been completed?; *Who is responsible for this failure?

The Bible says: "For every one that doeth evil hateth the light... But he that doeth truth cometh to the light." - John 3:20-21.

Leaders who have nothing to hide should not fear accountability - Government must remember who it serves - Councillors are not above the people; *They are elected by the people; *They are paid from public funds; *They are entrusted with public resources; *Therefore, they must remain answerable to the communities they serve.

The ACDP believes in local government that is open, transparent, and responsive to residents: *Regular community participation; *Transparent decision-making; *Accountable councillors. That is how trust between government and communities can be rebuilt. Vote for accountable local government - Vote for the ACDP

Steve and Louise Swart .

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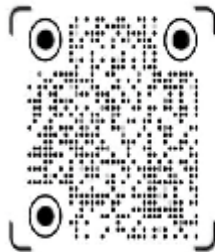
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Bebaarde man, fiets, karretjie en hond laat Gansbaai gons



Michael van der Merwe.

Ja-nee, dit gons oor die bebaarde man met "sy fiets, sy karretjie en sy hond" in die dorp. Eintlik is dit maar net Michael van der Merwe, 'n doodgewone mens met sy hond, Duke, en sy "mobiele winkel" (die karretjie) wat hy soms stoot en andersins met die fiets sleep. Michael het geen kind of kraai nie.

"Ek het sowat 'n maand gelede in die Strand weggetrek op pad

na Gansbaai," het Michael die Gans-Berg Nuus meegedeel. "In al die dorpe het ek welkom gevoel, maar nie veilig nie, terwyl ek in Gansbaai vir die eerste keer welkom én veilig gevoel het."

Sy hond, oor wie baie mense bekommerd is weens die lang afstande wat hy te voet aflê, is in 'n uitstekende en gesonde toestand en so rustig as wat kan kom - duidelik goed versorg. "Ek het Duke in die Strand as 'n verwaarloosde dier sonder eienaar gekry en besluit om hom aan te neem," het hy gesê. Sonder 'n vrou of kinders het Michael hierdie fiets-karretjie-hond-reis aangepak om iets nuttige te probeer doen.

"Ek doen dit nie net vir die 'fun' daarvan nie," vertel hy. "Waar moontlik, probeer ek armes help met 'n deeltjie van die verkope van die goedere in my karretjie." Die goedere in sy karretjie bestaan uit allerlei ware. "My hoofdoel is om arm mense te help om met 'n klein besigheid te begin," vertel hy. "Ek het in die verlede al soortgelyke reise te voet onderneem ter ondersteuning van liefdadigheid - onder die naam 'Fund a Bizz'."

Michael het beplan om vanaf Gansbaai die pad via die Tuinroete na Vereniging aan te pak. "Nou het ek begin dink om my eerder in Gansbaai te probeer vestig," het hy gesê. Nou-ja, sterkte aan Michael en Duke - miskien slaag hy daarin om homself in Gansbaai te vestig en wel 'n rol in die begin van klein besighede te speel.

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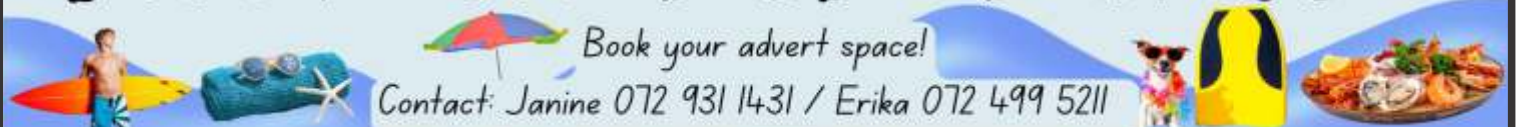


Michael van der Merwe, Duke (sy hond), sy fiets en sy karretjie.



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