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## Regional Events / Streeksgebeure

### BotSoc Talks, Nivenia Hall, HPG

- Saturday, 18th October Dr Sophie van der Heyden will speak on some aspects of genetics in marine biology.
  - Saturday, 15th November Dr Mike Cramer has to be in Australia in November. The new speaker will be announced in the next BotSoc newsletter.
- Contact Merrilee: 028 272 9314.

### 16-18 Oct 2014 - Agri & Arts Festival - Villiersdorp

Fresh Air and Family Fun at the Villiersdorp Agri & Arts Festival. A unique pairing of 89 years of Agri show and the talents of artists, crafters and musicians.

Award winning wines and olives, great local produce, farm style food, Cape Fynbos display, Equestrian Events, Vintage Tractors and Engines, craft market, art exhibitions and musical concerts all linked together by our funky festival transport – tractor and trailer rides around town.

Kids will love the special events at the showground arena. Even the drive there is a beautiful adventure. Experience something new.

For more information visit [www.villiersdorptourism.com](http://www.villiersdorptourism.com) or call Villiersdorp Tourism on 028 840 0082



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*Please send us your comments, sugges-  
tions, events and news.*

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**Branch Code 632005**

**Account No 4066 6164 39**

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2. Download a PDF version from our  
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<http://www.bettysbay.info>
3. We also leave a number of copies at  
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**028 271 8200**

**Station Commander**       **082 778 6793**

**Additional Cell Nos.**       **079 894 1624**

**079 894 1622**

**082 443 6069**

**082 522 1831**

## Annual Membership Fees

The Bettys Bay Ratepayers Association intercedes on behalf of members with various authorities in respect of matters which affect residents/property owners in our town.

In order to give us “clout” we need to represent as many residents/property owners as possible. At the moment we have 370 paid up members and are the largest ratepayers association in the Overstrand area.

It is imperative that we increase our membership to give us more say in matters which affect us all. To this end we urge you to either join us or if you are already a member to encourage others to sign up.

It has been our position in the past to disseminate local information to a broad base of residents by E-Mail whether they are members or not but in the future we will confine this spread of information to members only. There seems to be an impression out there that all property owners who pay rates to the Overstrand Municipality are automatically members but this is not so. To become a member we require the following information:

Title

Name/s

Erf number/s

Contact details i.e. postal address, telephone number/s and most important E-mail address

Name in which the property is registered

This information can be E-Mailed to me at [adrian25@telkomsa.net](mailto:adrian25@telkomsa.net)

As far as the fee goes this can be deposited to our account as follows:

Bettys Bay Ratepayers Association

ABSA Hermanus

Branch Code 632005

Cheque Account 4066616439

In the reference field of your deposit please quote your surname and erf number for identification purposes.

To avoid unnecessary bank fees please make payment in the following ways in the order stated either:

- 1) By EFT payment to our bank account
- 2) By posting a cheque to us at P.O. Box 48, Bettys Bay 7141
- 3) By depositing cash to our bank account

Please do not deposit cheques direct to our account as the bank charges are horrendous. As these charges are per deposit and not per cheque we bulk deposit cheques forwarded to us by post and therefore save considerably in this manner.

Our financial year ends on 31 October 2014 and therefore the annual fee of R60-00 per person becomes payable on 1 November 2014. In terms of our constitution your fee is payable by 31 January 2015 at the latest to avoid termination of your membership.

Lastly we would like to state that the elected committee which serves your association does this on a volunteer basis and receives no remuneration for this service which takes up considerable personal time. To this end we need to broaden our committee base so as to address all the areas needing attention in our village in order that they are actioned and thus reduce the work load of those currently serving on the committee. So help us to help you by contacting us if you are willing to become involved in local affairs.

*Adrian de Kock*

*Vice-Chairman & Treasurer BBRA*

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## **HPGardens Reduced Entrance Fees**

The Harold Porter National Botanical Garden is reducing its entrance fees from 15 Sept 2014 until repairs to the two bridges in Disa Kloof are complete. Disa Kloof will remain out of bounds until the bridges are complete in order to comply with safety regulations during construction.

Adults: Now R18.00 (was R22.00)

Senior citizens (60 years and over) and Students (with cards): Now R10.00 (was R14)

School-going children: Now R5.00 (was R8.00)

Preschoolers: Free.

Please note that fees will return to normal once the project has reached completion.

The above fees do not apply to special events such as Concerts when the advertised tariffs will apply.

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## **The Wind Bloweth...**

Spring is in the air, so they say. Unfortunately, so is a strong wind and rain; a Cold Front. In the shower, about an hour ago, (the shower being the location where my thought processes are usually clearest and sharpest) it occurred to me that meteorologically, and physically speaking, the term “cold front” differs somewhat.

One only has to note how cold fronts are depicted in the graphics of weather forecasts. Contrasting with the cheerful, bright sunny symbol for good warm conditions and the white puffy cloud with blue droplets for rain, the cold front appears, advancing menacingly from the left hand side of your screen – a curved row of large, viciously sharp dark teeth. Its intent is obvious... It will freeze your front and bite your behind. It drives ladies to their knitting and men to the fireplace, and have you noticed how it always seems to be targeting Betty's Bay?

We have weather cycles and bi-cycles. Less difference here... we have to ride them both, but it is just more comfortable doing the latter when the former is compliant with our requirements. Unfortunately I had to exit the shower at this point of revelation, but the simi-

larity between weather changes and our mood and attitude changes entered, and is milling about, in my mind. We have “fair weather people,” a “sunny disposition” and less desirably, “a face like a thundercloud” and stormy relationships with people ... we can go on and on. Who we would rather be, and who we would rather be with, is the choice we make.

I once heard the difference between a pessimist and an optimist: two little boys came across a bag of horse manure. The pessimist glanced at the contents and walked away, but the optimist eagerly began digging through the manure, repeating: “You can’t fool me – where’s there’s so much manure, there’s just got to be a horse!” It is rather like sitting in a familiar pothole and wondering why everyone else always seems to be coming at you, doesn’t it? It gets particularly uncomfortable when the traffic includes a front-end loader or the heavy roller driven by those whose duty (and desire) is to fill the hole you’re complaining from. The trouble about shouting from the rooftops or bellowing when our opinions are challenged, is that we miss out on the laughter around us... it is amazing how wonderful it is to have, and enjoy the company of really happy, loving people, who, having weathered the winter storms, are blooming where they are planted, like spring flowers.

Talking of flowers, we recently celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary, and our lounge was covered in flowers of different kinds, given to us by a bunch (pardon the pun) of loving people. My husband bought me a beautiful orchid plant, the Lakeside Chapel gave us the gorgeous arrangement that had graced the church the Sunday before, a warm hearted friend brought a King Protea accompanied by flowers from her new garden, and another loving person gave us a lavender plant for our garden. On the day, one of the grandchildren arrived with a beautiful flowering Clivia... which has since been planted, adding another splash of colour to the spring display. Now, two weeks later, the warmth of love and friendship remains, though some of the blooms have faded.

It seems that, though we cannot choose the weather on any given day, we can choose how we will handle what life hands out to (or throws at us) on that day. Perhaps we have to choose a different route to avoid the potholes of life, or else help fill them. Perhaps we have to close our mouths to enable our ears to hear, simply do a job well instead of complaining that others are doing it badly. At least, they are probably trying...

As a child, I never had a problem loving God, because, if He was anything like my own dad, it was the easiest thing in the world to do. My dad never preached... he loved, and everyone loved him. His life was never easy, but he had a wonderful sense of humour and he was a man of integrity, weathering every storm because, as the Bible instructs us, he walked humbly with his God. His love for his own children, and children in general, was unconditional... the overflow of a heart in tune with the heart of God. Jesus said: “By this all men will know that you are my disciples: that you love one another.” His disciples had to weather many storms, as we do, but when their little boat was threatened by fierce gale-force winds (maybe worse than our northwester?) He bade it cease, and it did. Perhaps, just perhaps, we should call on Him more often – especially when the storm is of our own making!

*Beverley Green*

## Bettysbaai se volgende brand!

Ons in Bettysbaai het baie onlangs 'n brand beleef. Groot vlamme, sterk wind, hitte, rook, onsekerheid, vrees en 'n storm van menslike emosies het geheers. Baie vroe en bitter min tyd. Is dit nodig om te ontruim, wánnere moet ons ontruim, wát moet ingepak word, wát moet gelos word en wie moet wát doen?

Die groot vraag bly egter: Wat moet jy inpak wánnere jy die huis moet ontruim?

Ons moes al twee keer ontruim en ons het dus sekere maatreëls in plek.

My sleepwaentjie staan in die garage met sy disselboom na buite sodat dit net gelaai en gehaak kan word.

Ons het 'n ou skooltas. Daarin is alle noodsaaklike dokumente wat net met groot moeite en koste vervang kan word en nog 'n paar ander items. Dit is:

- Die huis se Kaart en Transport
- Die oorspronklik registrasiedokumente van al ons voertuie
- Alle kontrakte wat ons bind (huur-, selfoon, voertuig, lenings, ens.)
- Die 2001waardasie van die huis vir KWB-doeleindes
- Inkomstebelasting-dokumente (bv. bewyse van mediese koste)
- Vuurwapenlisensies
- Matriek- en ander akademiese kwalifikasiesertifikate en getuigskrifte
- Enige beroepsertifikate, bv. plofstof-skietsertifikaat
- Dienssertifikate van vorige werkgewers
- Testament/e
- Geboortesertifikate en huweliksertifikate
- Pensioenkaarte
- Mediese fonds lidmaatskapskaartjies
- Identiteitsboekies en paspoorte
- Die eksterne hardeskyf van die rekenaar (op datum, natuurlik)
- Geheuestafie met al die rekenaardokumente, foto's en musiek (ook op datum)
- Alle poliskontrakte (ook die korttermynkontrak as dit nie reeds op die rekenaarrekkord is nie.)

- 'n Volledige stel afdrucke van die voor- en agterkante van al my bank- en kredietkaarte en ook alle ander belangrike kaarte. Dit het my al ure se gespook gespaar wanneer die oorspronklike dokument gesteel of verloor is of bloot verdamp het .
- 'n Handgeskrewe lys van al die wagwoorde en 'usernames' en ook PIN-nommers wat jy op die rekenaar en elders gebruik. (Handgeskrewe, want jy wil nie so 'n lys op jou rekenaarrekord hê nie!)

Dan kom die roomysboks met ons chroniese medisyne vir 'n week en ook kritiese akute medikasie vir dinge soos bysteekallergie, angina, ens. Dit geld mense én huisdiere.

Al die items hierbo is altyd gereed, elke dag, heeljaar deur en hoef nie inderhaas saamgeskraap te word nie.

Dit is nou tyd om nugter oor besittings te dink. Eiendom moet in klasse verdeel word.

**Klas 1** Dit is die allernoodsaaklike, onvervangbare items wat jy nodig het om te lewe, maar wat nie in die vorige twee houers is nie. Dit is dinge soos:

- Kontantgeld
- Bankkaarte
- Krities-noodsaaklike klere en kositems vir een dag
- Komberse en kussings
- Selfone en laaiers
- Draradio met batterye
- Flitslig
- 'n Trui en 'n warm langbroek.

**Klas 2** Pak noodvoorraad voedsel vir die volgende 24 uur in – vir die gesin en vir troeteldiere. Ook enige onvervangbare item wat nie deur versekering gedek word nie, byvoorbeeld ou gesinsfoto's, waardevolle skilderye of spesiale speelding vir 'n jong kind en ook diere se bakke. Plaas gassilinders liefs in die motor/sleepwa om dit van die perseel af weg te kry.

Baie belangrik: As jou klere nie standaardmate het nie, sal jy genoeg bruikbare klere moet inpak om darem iets te hê om aan te trek. Dit neem tyd om klere te pasmaak!

Besluite Nou volg daar krities-belangrike besluite wat vooraf geneem en op skrif gestel moet word. Dit sluit in:

- Elke persoon se spesifieke pligte om te voorkom dat huisgenote in die drif van die oomblik in mekaar vashardloop. Wees prakties – my vrou weet watter klere moet saamgaan en ek is meer vaardig met die aandra daarvan.

- Waarheen gaan die gesin wanneer ontruim word?
- Weet jy waar die gemeenskap se versamelpunt is? (Dit is waar hulle gaan kontroleer of almal wat moes ontruim het wel ontsnap het. As jy nie daar is nie, gaan mense jou dalk in lewensgevaar soek!)
- Waar woon julle in die eersvolgende dae indien die huis beskadig is?
- Het jy 'n lopende verstandhouding met 'n betroubare bouersvriend sodat jy nie later hoef rond te val wanneer almal bouers soek nie?

Laaste gedagte: Moet nie te veel sukkel om items wat in elk geval verseker is te probeer saamsleep nie. Dit steel net kosbare tyd.

Ons nooi alle lesers om hierdie stuk met wenke aan te vul en te verfynd.

*Jaap van Deventer*

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## Fundraising for Fire Fighters

The Betty's Bay Community Volunteer Fire Fighters held their first fundraising event on 6 September 2014. Heartfelt thanks goes out to the following people:

- Centre shop (Dougie) for the use of his premises
- Realnet (Anna) for sponsoring the day
- Francois en Seun Skrynwerkers for the gasbraai
- Photo click, Werner's Slaghuis and Café Jack for sponsoring prizes for the lucky draw on 1 November 2014
- Every single person who bought a boerie roll or made a donation.

Without all of you, the day would not have been such a huge success!

A data list will be available at all fundraisers. Permanent residents are welcome to complete their details to be kept up to date with future events and the status of a fire if one breaks out.

The next fundraiser will be held on 4 October 2014 at Centre Shop. Please come and support these selfless people.

Die Betty's Bay Community Volunteer Fire Fighters het hulle eerste fonsinsameling op 6 September 2014 gehou. Innige dank aan die volgender persone:

- Centre Shop(Dougie) vir die gebruik van sy perseel
- Realnet (Anna) wat die dag geborg het
- Francois en seuns Skrynwerkers vir die gasbraai
- Photo Click, Werner Slaghuis en Café Jack wat die pryse borg vir die gelukkige trekking op 1 November 2014
- Elke person wat 'n boereworsrolletjie gekoop het of 'n donasie gemaak het



Sonder julle sou die dag nie so 'n groot sukses gewees het nie!

'n Data lys sal beskikbaar wees by alle fondsinsamellinge. Permanente inwoners is welkom om hulle besonderhede in te vul om op hoogte gehou te word van alle toekomstige funksies asook inligting oor brande as een sou uitbreek.

Die volgende insameling sal op 4 Oktober 2014 gehou word by Centre Shop. Kom ondersteun asseblief hierdie wonderlike groepie mense.

*Jorika Rabie*

## Flight 270

*Episodes 1-5 published in previous Buzzes*

### **A Serial In Thirteen Episodes**



### **Dramatis personae:**

Chief Pilot:	Captain Mamat Munsib 1961
Sweetheart:	Mei Mei Hong
Her Father:	Lee Hong
Imam of Al-Alidayh Mosque on Penang Island:	Shaykh Ibn Sina
Instructor on Bayan Penang International Airport:	Paddy
Penang Minister & Friend	MayangTeuku
Mamat's wife	Aisyah Mussa
Co-Pilot	Jamal Hamad bin Tengku
Military Radar recruit	Abdul Haqq

### **Episode 5: Twinning**

The important next step was to obtain a multi-engine endorsement on his licence; He hired his friend Paddy and with his tutelage, passed the various written requirements, then embarked on the practical.

A venerable Piper Aztec was available and with Paddy as instructor over the General Flying Area, he continued his aeronautical education.

"Mamat, we practiced over and over what to do if and engine failed

## Emergency Contact Numbers

Overstrand Emergency	24 Hours	028 313 8111
Fire Department	Control Room	028 312 2400
	Marlu Rust	082 776 9287
	Wendy Tawse	082 442 8005
	Fires in Reserves	082 783 8585
Police	Emergencies	10111
	Charge Office	028 271 8219
	Station Commander	082 778 6793
	Sector Policing Officer	082 522 1831
Security Providers	Safe Security	028 272 9110
	Response	082 410 7845
	ASK Security (Office)	028 272 9500
	24 Hour Emergency	082 951 1892
		071 135 9029
	Sandown Bay Security	028 271 5633
		028 271 3306
		028 272 9575
Ambulances	Provincial	10177
	ER24	084 124
Doctors	Dr Du Plessis	028 271 4227
	Dr Van Niekerk	028 271 4227
	Dr Morkel	028 271 4227
	After Hours	082 653 6355
	Dr Greeff	028 272 9999
	After Hours	082 659 9437
	Dr Moses	028 271 3152
	After Hours	078 417 5628
Dentists	Dr Duvenhage	028 271 3467
	After Hours	082 861 0616
	Dr Engelbrecht	028 271 3662
	Dr Visser	028 271 5321

Hospitals	Hermanus Provincial	028 312 1166
	Hermanus Medi-Clinic	028 313 0168
	Vergelegen Medi-Clinic	021 850 9000
Child Welfare	Kleinmond	028 271 4044
Veterinarian	Dr Dave	028 271 4183
	After Hours	083 440 5191
KAWS	Animal Welfare	028 271 5004
Pharmacies	Albertyn Pharmacy	028 271 4666
	After Hours	082 927 5240
	After Hours	082 868 4267
	Kleinmond Pharmacy	028 271 3320
	After Hours	082 652 4309
Optometrists	Obermeyer	028 271 3119
	Optical Eyes	028 271 5684
Municipality	Betty's Bay	028 272 9263
	Kleinmond	028 271 8400
	Fire & Water	028 313 8111
	Law Enforcement	028 313 8111
		028 271 8466
	Traffic	028 313 8111
	Sewerage Removal	028 271 8435
	Hermanus	028 313 8000
Seawatch	Betty's Bay	028 272 9532
	Mike Tannett	082 994 9300
NSRI	Gordons Bay	021 856 1992
	Hermanus	028 312 3180
Electricity (Eskom)	Electricity	021 859 5304
	Emergencies	08600 37 566
General	Councillor Lisel Krige	028 272 9533
	Betty's Bay Post Office	028 272 9363
	Centre Shop	028 272 9230
	Penguin Place	028 272 9257
	Tourism Bureau	028 271 5657
	Hangklip Community Care Centre	082 378 1614
	Fire Extinguisher Service	083 741 9914

with the Cherokee. Now you must learn an even more demanding routine. The most important things to know, is the Red Line Speed or Vmc, the minimal control speed and Normal Climb Speed, or Vy. In the Aztec Vmc is 88 knots and Vy 105 knots, got that?"

"Yes"

**"If you lose an engine below 88 knots –call it 90—you have no choice—**as in the Cherokee—you cannot climb away and the only action is to shut the good engine down and to try to land straight ahead. If there is no space, then attempt to gradually bleed off energy by wiping off the wings between trees in a controlled crash and hope!

Therefore, the most dangerous period is after take-off, but you have not yet reached Vmc. If you are airborne at Vy and are climbing away and lose an **engine you have to be very quick because the 'plane will yaw towards the** failed engine, you will have to use opposite rudder to contain the yaw. Speed will drop and you will have to lower the nose to gain speed and keep flying. We will practice the engine out procedure, because you must regain full control before speed drops below Vmc, --**90 knots on the Aztec. OK?"**

"OK"

**"Identify the failed engine and slap the unused leg to confirm which side – you'd look pretty silly (if you survive) if you shut the good engine** down. Feather that prop and close the throttle. Move mixture control on that **engine to 'Idle-cut-off'. Retract undercarriage and flaps. Open throttle on the** good engine fully, mixture fully rich and propeller pitch fully fine, Keep nose down until 105 knots indicated airspeed. Now you can climb to a safe altitude and go round to land back on the take-off runway. **Still with me?"**

"Yep"

**"Right, start up do your checks and get clearance for the General Flying Area.** Take us up to 4000ft. Pretend that is ground level and configure for take-off. I will shut and engine on you as you reach 200 ft AGL (above ground level) – **4200ft. Recover and climb away"**

**"No Mamat, you were too slow, you were at 3920ft before you got climb-out speed. You are dead! Try again"**

**"3950ft you are dead! – Try again"**

**"3970 – Try again"**

By now Mamat was sweating buckets and getting a little angry with Paddy. After several more attempts;

**"Hallelujah – 4005 ft! Well done.**

**Actually it is impossible in this Aircraft!"**

He wanted to swat him one, but soon realised that he had been taught a valuable lesson: Land straight ahead if you lose an engine at 200 ft AGL or below in an Aztec. Mamat made a mental note to set his criterion at 250 ft AGL.

He made time to pass the various tests and when he had accumulated the 500 hours cross country, 100 hours night, 75 hours night flying on instruments and all the other requirements, he obtained an Airline Transport Pilot License (ATPL) This is a very significant accomplishment.

**Mamat's fame had spread and he had little trouble being hired as a co-pilot,** by a mainland cargo-carrying airline. Within a year he had been promoted captain. It was a young aggressive firm and soon expanded its routes into Thailand, Cambodia and Indonesia. Mamat gained experience, skill and confidence.

He crossed the Penang dual carriageway bridge connecting George Town to the mainland both physically and spiritually.

*Episodes 6 –13 to follow*

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## About Café El'Ora

### Where we came from

My passion for bonsai has been with me for more than three decades, so when my wife and I decided to move to Betty's Bay, my aim was to cultivate new trees, and sell them at the local markets. I soon became aware that the potential for selling bonsai was limited, and set out to find a new way to turn our expertise into a practical business enterprise.

My wife Elora, a caring person with a wide range of skills, felt she could add value to any enterprise we might get involved in.

On a visit to the coffee shop (then @Betty's Bistro) I immediately saw great potential, which were not fully tapped into. I felt it needed some heart and atmosphere, which I knew we could supply.

Shortly after our visit, we contacted Karon Scholefield from Chas Everett, who promptly got us on the fast track to obtaining our own coffee shop.

### The Name

Elora and I got the idea to use this name for a Coffee shop/tea garden 15 years ago during a visit to Italy. We saw El' Ora being mentioned on the front page of a local paper and was intrigued by it. We tried to find somebody to explain what it meant, but the language barrier proved too great, and we left without discovering the true meaning of the words. We subsequently pursued the issue and found that there were in fact quite a few meanings to this name. "Ray of sunlight" was one, as well as the Hebrew word El'Ora, which translates into "It is time".

We decided that this was the best fit, as we felt it to be "our time". It would also be appropriate for our customers as it is also their time to enjoy our company and good food.

### Our philosophy about our food

All the food we prepare at Café El' Ora is freshly made by our own hands. We buy our quiches and pies from a supplier, and bake them on the premises. Furthermore we bake our own cakes, scones and crumpets and they come to you fresh. This is very imported to us.

## **Coffee**

I am a bit of a coffee fanatic. Very seldom could I find a brand of coffee that would completely satisfy my taste. When this particular blend was presented to me, I knew I had discovered something special, and I've been serving it ever since. So please, if you love coffee and you have not tasted ours yet, you are missing out!

## **Family**

My son, Myburgh joined us in May and is concentrating on the making of coffee and seeing to our customers. From time to time, my two daughters will also make an appearance to lend a helping hand.

We are a family business. Myself Willem or Willie, Elora and Myburgh. We are the Slabbers of Café El'Ora in Village Centre, Bettys Bay. If you haven't yet, come and visit us for a very special treat. Call me @ 079 181 0852 or Elora @ 084 352 251

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## **Bettys Bay Market planned for Saturdays**

Ever since taking over the coffee shop, Café El'Ora (Formerly@ Betty's Bistro), we've always been of the opinion that Betty's Bay would benefit greatly from a local market. Given its centralized location, close proximity to a number of great restaurants, and inherent marketplace atmosphere, we feel the Village Centre is the ideal location for such an event.

The first market is scheduled for Saturday 11 October 2014, from 9AM to 2PM.

Thereafter each Saturday from November to April.

Stands and shelters to be supplied by the exhibiter.

Any of the following will be allowed: Clothing, small handmade articles, furniture, household goods, any craft ware, books, leather goods etc.

The sale of food and drinks by any exhibiter will be strictly prohibited, with the exception of homemade canned items.

All stalls and exhibitors will have to be cleared by the organizer.

Cost will be R50 for a 3mx3m area. Fees must be paid upon booking.

No goods may be sold on the premises before payment has been made in full.

For bookings, please contact Willie: 079 181 0852

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## **Overstrand Municipality Budget 2015/16**

Items for inclusion in the budget for the Bettys Bay area

In terms of instructions received at the August Ward Committee meeting the following items we consider essential for inclusion in the 2015/16 budget deliberations in respect of the Bettys Bay area.

1. Gravel Road Maintenance

2. Storm Water Channels & Drainage Pipes
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### **Gravel Road Maintenance**

The gravel roads in Bettys Bay are in a disgusting state and have been deteriorating over the past few years at an alarming rate. This is causing much frustration amongst residents, damage to motor vehicles and quite frankly are a danger in that motorists are forced to move from side to side of the roads to avoid the potholes. The past seasons failure to complete the biannual maintenance program through lack of funds is unacceptable and sufficient funds must be made available to maintain the roads at an acceptable level on an ongoing basis.

Furthermore a planned program of tarring roads needs to be implemented with particular reference to the main thoroughfares. In the long term this is the more cost efficient option.

### **Storm Water Channels & Drainage Pipes**

The lack of maintenance on an ongoing basis to the current storm water channels causes flooding of roads and properties besides the damage to roads caused by the failure to divert storm water in an acceptable manner towards the sea. This issue needs to be addressed with some urgency at an escalating rate in conjunction with the roads maintenance program.

### **Potable Water Pipe Replacement**

Whilst we appreciate that this issue is being addressed we feel that the rate of replacement needs to be stepped up because of the continued pipe breaks being experienced in our area at an increased rate. As the current old pipes get older and older this problem will escalate. From a recent presentation of your relevant department and the contractors it was established that with the current rate of replacement the replacement program will take another 60 years. The contractors further advise that the life span of the new pipes is also about 60 years so on that basis this is an ongoing saga without end.

### **Otter Close Bridge**

There has over the past few years been no definitive plan and associated budget allocated to construct a bridge which will withstand the ongoing assault of the annual storms. This bridge has been washed away on a number of occasions in recent times and it is time that a concerted effort is made to address this issue.

### **Visible Law Enforcement**

There is a virtual complete lack of visible Law Enforcement personnel in Bettys Bay. This is

particularly noticeable during the holiday season when much attention is given to Kleinmond and Hermanus with the Hangklip area being treated as poor cousins.

An examination of the periodic lists provided in respect of action taken by these personnel in the area proves that attention is not given to enforcing the Municipal By Laws to an effective and acceptable standard.

### **Beach Parking – Main Beach**

The state of the main beach parking is atrocious with the area covered in pot holes, being ever reduced in size through the dumping of sand and gravel, the annual flooding and is a very poor advertisement for those holiday makers visiting our area.

### **Disabled Access - Main Beach & Silversands Boardwalk**

This problem has been under discussion for a considerable time with no action being taken. What is happening? It is apparent that there is a complete lack of consideration for those wishing to visit our beaches who through physical disabilities are unable to do so because of a lack of suitable facilities to assist them in this regard.

### **Bass Lake Boardwalk**

The boardwalk on the Kleinmond side of Bass Lake is moved each year by the rising waters during winter because the supporting poles are not long enough to prevent this happening. New longer support poles sufficiently anchored need to replace those that are inadequate to prevent this happening in the future.

### **Industrial Refuse Bins – Bettys Bay Collection Point**

The present “trailer” should be scrapped and replaced with industrial refuse bins such as those in Pringle Bay. The trailer has no wheels and as such requires Municipal Officials to climb into the trailer to empty same which besides being inefficient is a danger to those staff both in the way of possible injury and additionally create a health hazard.

***Bettys Bay does not ask for much in terms of service delivery from our Municipality but feel that we are treated as poor relations when it comes to delivery. The Overstrand Municipality makes much of their commitment to service delivery but items such as roads, storm water drainage, visible law enforcement and other areas mentioned above are in the opinion of residents equally classed as service areas and therefore should be given the necessary attention which they deserve.***

***Additionally we would like to be included in the planning stage of the 2015/16 budget where we can give input in terms of the points raised which need attention in our area.***

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