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Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

As Executive Mayor of the Southernmost Municipality in Africa, where the Indian and Atlantic oceans converge, it brings me great pleasure to present you with this newsletter on the eve of this festive season. This year has been a testament to our resilience and unity in facing challenges together. Extreme weather events that caused flooding, the crippling effects of extended high stage load shedding on our operations and the general poor economic climate prevailing in our country are just some of the challenges we faced.

Despite the hurdles, we have emerged stronger, showcasing the unwavering spirit that defines us as proud citizens of Cape Agulhas. I am filled with immense pride, witnessing the generosity, compassion, and solidarity that have defined our community throughout the year during these trying times.

As a municipality, we are proud of our achievements and this newsletter highlights a small sample. Our commitment to infrastructure development is transforming the economic climate of our municipality and includes upgraded road infrastructure, wastewater treatment infrastructure and upgraded public facilities. We are also working hard to improve the social fabric of our community through the Cape Agulhas Local Drug Action Committee (LDAC), who are working hard to foster a safer, healthier, and drug-free environment within our municipality. The negative effects of substance abuse



Alderman Paul Swart
Executive Mayor

affect not only individuals but entire communities, impacting families, workplaces, and society in general.

The festive season is always a particularly exciting time for us as we have the privilege of opening our doors and showcasing our attractions to our seasonal residents, visitors from all over South Africa as well as further afield. We appeal to you to exercise caution on the roads, don't drink and drive and respect the rules of the roads and most importantly ARRIVE ALIVE. To those visiting our beaches, please adhere to the instructions of the life savers they are there to ensure your safety. Please also remember that we are a water scarce area and that water resources should be conserved and used responsibly at all times.

May this festive season be filled with joyous moments, laughter, and memories that will linger in our hearts for years to come. Let us enter the new year with hope, determination, and a renewed commitment to building an even more inclusive, prosperous, and harmonious Cape Agulhas.

Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all!

Executive Mayor
Ald Paul Swart

Together for excellence!

Saam vir uitnemendheid!

Sisonke siyagqwesa!

TENTH CONSECUTIVE CLEAN AUDIT FOR CAPE AGULHAS MUNICIPALITY 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR

As Executive Mayor of Cape Agulhas Municipality, it is my pleasure to announce that the Municipality has received an unqualified audit report without any findings from the Auditor General of South Africa for the tenth consecutive year.

Achievement of a clean audit emphasizes our commitment to our community to provide clean administration, good governance and excellent service delivery. It is also a direct result of hard work and commitment by the Municipal Council and its staff and we appreciate everyone's contribution to this achievement.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT TEST TRACK TRANSFORMATION

The Bredasdorp Traffic Department's test track underwent a recent transformation with the application of a new tar surface, marking a significant milestone in the ongoing Rehabilitation of Roads Project. Overseeing the meticulous painting of road surface markers, was Esau Everts, Senior Superintendent of Traffic and Licensing. Following the completion of the surface markers, a thorough evaluation of the test track is conducted by a provincial traffic inspector. The inspector meticulously assesses whether each marker aligns precisely with national guidelines and standards. This rigorous inspection ultimately determines the status of the test track, declaring it either open or closed upon completion of the assessment process.



ZERO-WASTE EXCHANGE PROGRAMME



On Monday, 27 November 2023, delegates from eThekweni Municipality and Durban University of Technology visited the Cape Agulhas Municipality to broaden their knowledge around the composting project that is being operated on the old P&B Lime Works. They were also accompanied by the Municipal Manager, Mr Eben Philips, and Executive Mayor, Alderman Paul Swart. This project is driven by Cape Agulhas Municipality's Local Economic Development Department in collaboration with the Zero Waste Association of South Africa (Zwasa). The first aim of this project is to improve the capacity of Cape Agulhas Municipality's landfills by converting the recycling of waste material on site into compost material. The second aim is that this project provides job creation and training for a few local people who are already been

employed by Zwasa. These persons were recruited from the ranks of "waste pickers" who usually illegally descend on the landfills, hoping to pick up recyclable materials. Local businesses such as Overberg Agri and P&B Lime Works added their support to the project by donating resources. This is one of the first projects of its kind in South Africa and we hope to extend the project to Arniston, Napier and Struisbaai in the future. The study group, in turn, plans to establish similar projects in their area to tackle the issue of overburdened landfills and to promote job creation.



ENHANCING CONNECTIVITY AND SAFETY: CAPE AGULHAS MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

INTRODUCTION

The Cape Agulhas Municipal (CAM) area is on the brink of transformative change as the municipality undertook crucial infrastructure projects aimed at improving the overall quality of life for its residents. These projects encompass the paving of Suiderstrand Road, rehabilitation of existing roads, implementation of raised tables to control speed, and the tarring of sidewalks.

PAVING OF SUIDERSTRAND ROAD

The Suiderstrand Road paving project stands as a testament to the municipality's commitment to enhancing transportation infrastructure. This initiative addresses the longstanding need for a smoother, more durable road surface. By paving Suiderstrand Road, the municipality aims to not only improve the daily commute for residents but also attract potential investors, fostering economic growth within the community.



REHABILITATION OF ROADS

Recognizing the importance of well-maintained road networks, the municipality has embarked on a comprehensive road rehabilitation program. This initiative targets the restoration and improvement of existing roads, addressing issues such as potholes, surface irregularities, and drainage concerns. The rehabilitation project is a proactive step towards ensuring the longevity and functionality of Cape Agulhas' road infrastructure.



RAISED TABLES FOR SPEED CONTROL

In a bid to enhance road safety, the municipality has introduced raised tables strategically placed along key routes. These traffic calming measures aim to regulate vehicular speed, creating safer conditions for both drivers and pedestrians. The raised tables not only promote responsible driving habits but also contribute to a more pedestrian-friendly environment, aligning with the municipality's vision for a safer and more accessible community.

TARRING OF SIDEWALKS

Sidewalks play a crucial role in fostering walkability and community engagement. CAM's initiative to tar sidewalks complements the broader infrastructure projects, providing a solid and durable pedestrian pathway. This enhancement not only improves the aesthetics of the community but also encourages residents to embrace a healthier and more sustainable mode of transportation.

CONCLUSION

CAM's commitment to municipal infrastructure projects reflects a forward-thinking approach to community development. The paving of Suiderstrand Road, rehabilitation of roads, implementation of raised tables, and tarring of sidewalks collectively contribute to a safer, more connected, and aesthetically pleasing environment.

UNVEILING OF THE NAPIER WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

On Friday 20 October 2023, the Provincial Minister of Infrastructure Tertuis Simmers joined the Executive Mayor of Cape Agulhas Municipality at the unveiling of the new Waste Water Treatment Plant in Napier.

Mayor Swart was also joined by the Deputy Mayor of the Overberg District Municipality Cllr. Helen Coetzee, member of Parliament Mr. Nicholas Myburgh, Cape Agulhas Municipal Manager Mr. Eben Phillips, Councillor Andries Eksteen MMC for Infrastructure Services, Director for Infrastructure Services Mr. Hendrik Kröhn, and various other stakeholders. This facility in Napier is an R37 million investment and is one of three Membrane Bio-Reactor (MBR) facilities in the province.

Mayor Swart said, "The opening of this plant is part of the greater plan of developing Napier and it also ensures that the town's infrastructure is sufficient to accommodate future population growth."

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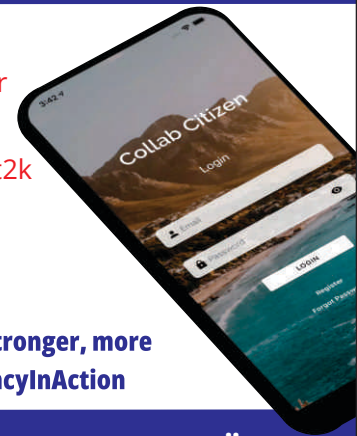
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LEWENSREDDERS AAN DIENS

Lewensredders aan diens by die onderstaande datums vanaf 09h00 - 18h00

Struisbaai (Blou Vlag)	10 Desember 2023	10 Januarie 2024	4 Redders
Struisbaai Noord	10 Desember 2023	10 Januarie 2024	2 Redders
Waenhuiskrans			
Roman Beach	10 Desember 2023	10 Januarie 2024	2 Redders
Bikini Beach	10 Desember 2023	10 Januarie 2024	2 Redders
Kassiesbaai	10 Desember 2023	10 Januarie 2024	2 Redders

STRAND REÛLS

Geen honde sonder leiband.

Geen vuurwerke of oop vure nie.

Geen drank sal op die strand toegelaat word nie.

WATER SAFETY PRACTICES



ALWAYS keep an eye on the vulnerable swimmers.



NEVER swim alone.



KNOW your limitations and capabilities.



DON'T swim under the influence.

SAFETY ON THE ROADS

Obey the rules of the road.

Always carry your driver's license with you.

Make sure your vehicle is in a roadworthy condition.

Be visible - drive with your lights on.

Buckle up and don't drink and drive.

Take safety breaks every 2 hours or 200km to avoid fatigue.

Children under the age of 3 must be strapped in a car seat at all times to avoid a hefty traffic fine.

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Bredasdorp	028 425 5500	Struisbaai	028 435 6538
Napier	028 423 3231	L'Agulhas	028 435 6015
Arniston/Waenhuiskrans	028 445 9620	AFTER HOURS	028 425 5500

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police	10111
Fire Department	028 425 1690
Ambulance	028 212 9111
NSRI	028 435 7777
Traffic	028 425 5500

NO FIREWORKS ALLOWED IN CAPE AGULHAS

Cape Agulhas Municipality would like to inform residents and visitors that fireworks may not be discharged and are totally prohibited within the municipal area – including your own backyard or on beaches and other public places with the exception of organised fireworks displays approved by council. Please note that shops and street vendors are not permitted to sell fireworks. So please do not buy any fireworks from them and report this illegal activity to the law enforcement officials or the SAPS. More information regarding the approved organised fireworks displays will be communicated in due course. In case of an emergency please contact Overberg Fire & Rescue on 028 425 1690. To report illegal activities please contact CAM Law Enforcement at 028 425 5500 or SAPS at 10111.