

OVSRA NEWS – OVSAA NUUS



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Dear Resident and Property Owner,

While winter has had its firm grip on our area, your OVSRA have been getting on with the job of establishing a sound base from which to operate in the near future. We have had fifteen meetings and workshops over the last seventy four days since our handover meeting from the Steering Committee to the elected Board of Directors.

In addition to this, aiming to network with other organisations we have met with the SRA of both Kleinmond and Hermanus to share information and to learn from one another. OVSRA also had an implementation meeting with Overstrand Municipality in order to meet each other's teams, establish communication protocols and to discuss the way forward.

We joined the Overstrand Public Safety Forum where all the key role players in the overall safety of the Overstrand are represented. Several other meetings were held with neighbourhood watches and service providers.

Notable progress to date include amongst other:

- ✚ Board members were allocated specific responsibilities to ensure that the various tasks at hand could be attended too. Pieter Botha (a specialist in security and risk assessment) was co-opted on the Board.
- ✚ OVSRA took over the cameras previously owned by Onverwag on 1 July 2021. A service provider for monitoring the cameras was appointed in the interim, prior to evaluating and appointing a suitable service provider for the future – a process that will be finalised before the end of September.
- ✚ The Onrus Vermont Special Rating Area Non-Profit Company was registered, VAT registered and a bank account was opened.
- ✚ The Financial Agreement with Overstrand Municipality will be finalised within the next few days which will enable OVSRA NPC (amongst other requirements) to receive funding shortly.



- A suitable operating venue was secured. We negotiated with the owner of the office space in the Rheezicht building to allow us occupancy whilst deferring payment.
- Compliance with the POPI Act was achieved.

Not all has been hard work however!

On **World Environment Day** we organised a public clean-up in Ward 13, and a while later the OVSRA Board took a break from formal meetings and had a virtual gathering where we all had to wear hats of choice as a team building exercise.



Watch out for our updates in social media, our website and in Splash magazine.



A thumbs up from Caroline Gabb
and Meredith Thornton

