



NEWSLETTER

ONRUS VERMONT SPECIAL RATING AREA

Q1 2025

WORD FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

The Christmas holiday season went off very smoothly, crime stats for December and January were down, and February saw an all-time low – a fantastic result (as per the graphs below). That said, we were deeply saddened by the attack on an elderly couple in Duiker Street in January.

Die Kersvakansieseisoen het baie glad verloop, misdaadstatistieke vir Desember en Januarie was af, en Februarie het 'n algehele laagtepunt gehad – 'n fantastiese resultaat. Dit gesê, ons was diep hartseer oor die aanval op 'n bejaarde egpaar in Duikerstraat in Januarie.

Making Our Coastal Path Safer

Deploying an extra foot patroller along the coastal path over the Christmas holidays proved to be a great success. Given the recent attack on the coastal path in Vermont, the Board decided to bring this initiative back for 6 weeks over the current school holidays and Easter season. More boots on the ground mean better safety for everyone.

Maak ons kuspaa veiliger

Die ontplooiing van 'n ekstra voetpatrolleerder langs die kuspaa oor die Kersvakansie was 'n groot sukses. Gegewe die onlangse aanval op die kuspaadjie in Vermont, het die Raad besluit om hierdie inisiatief vir 6 weke terug te bring oor die huidige skoolvakansie en Paasseisoen. Meer stewels op die grond beteken beter veiligheid vir almal.

More Eyes, More Security!

On the camera front, thanks to strong community support and fundraising, we've doubled the number of cameras in our area since August – we now have well over 60 cameras! A Special shout out to AJ Smit (CCTV Operations Director) and our service provider for the stellar work they have done in the last three months. We will also put reserve funds to good use by upgrading our network coverage and backbone infrastructure, making our security system even more robust as this plan rolls out.

Meer oë, meer sekuriteit!

Danksy sterk gemeenskapsondersteuning en fondsinsameling, het ons sedert Augustus die aantal kameras in ons area verdubbel – ons het nou meer as 60 kameras! 'n Spesiale "shoutout" aan AJ Smit (CCTV Operasionele Direkteur) en ons diensverskaffer vir die puik werk wat hulle die afgelope drie maande gedoen het. Ons sal ook reserwefondse goed gebruik deur ons netwerkdekking en ruggraatinfrastruktuur op te gradeer, wat ons sekuriteitstelsel selfs meer robuust maak namate hierdie plan uitrol.



ONRUS VERMONT SRA

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WORD FROM THE CHAIRPERSON Continued.....

Building Community Connections

Our Meet 'n Greet at Davies Pool in January was a hit – thank you to everyone who came out! In February, we met with the Onrus and Vermont Ratepayer Associations to boost understanding and collaboration.

Bou gemeenskapsverbinding

Ons Meet 'n Greet by Davies Pool in Januarie was 'n treffer – dankie aan almal wat uitgekom het! In Februarie het ons met die Onrus- en Vermont-belastingbetalersverenigings vergader om begrip en samewerking te bevorder.

SRA Renewal: Pushing for the Full 5-Year Term

As we near the end of OVSRA's first term in June, we've been working hard to get our 5-year renewal application approved by the Municipality.

The community has backed this through AGM approval, surveys, and public participation – but there's been a difference in interpretation of the SRA By-Law and Policy Document between the Municipal Manager and all three SRAs currently up for renewal.

We've worked closely with the CFO since 2023 to ensure our process is legally and procedurally sound. However, the Municipality has asked for one more public notice to be issued, advising the community of our intention to extend for another 5-year term. This is the final hoop – and we're hopeful Council will give us the green light at their 28 May 2025 meeting.

SRA-hernuwing: strewe na die volle termyn van 5 jaar

Aangesien ons die einde van OVSRA se eerste termyn in Junie nader, het ons hard gewerk om ons 5-jaar hernuwingsaansoek deur die Munisipaliteit goedgekeur te kry.

Die gemeenskap het dit ondersteun deur AJV-goedkeuring, opnames en openbare deelname – maar daar was 'n verskil in interpretasie van die SRA-verordening en – beleidsdokument tussen die Munisipale Bestuurder en al drie SRA's wat tans aansoek doen vir hernuwing.

Ons werk sedert 2023 nou saam met die finansiële hoof van die munisipaliteti om te verseker dat ons proses wetlik en prosedureel in orde is. Die Munisipaliteit het egter gevra dat nog een openbare kennisgewing uitgereik word, wat die gemeenskap in kennis stel van ons voorneme om vir nog 'n 5-jaar termyn te verleng. Dit is die laaste hoop – en ons hoop dat die Raad ons die groen lig sal gee by hul 28 Mei 2025-vergadering.

As always, thank you for your support – we're stronger together.

Stay safe,

Caroline Gabb

Chairperson, OVSRA



MEET & GREET

During the first quarter of 2025 we hosted two separate Meet & Greet opportunities. The first of which was at Davies Pool on 8 January 2025. We had a wonderful response from the general public and ratepayers alike. Our second Meet & Greet was with the Civil "Cluster" organisations of Ward 13, Onrus Homeowners Association (ORHA), Vermont Ratepayers and Environmental Association (VREA) and the Vermont Conservation Foundation. We remain dedicated to being open and approachable by all and by meeting on a face to face with the directors of the OVSRA. The next Meet & Greet will be on **23 April 2025, 10:00** at Optimum Centre, Onrus Main Road. Everyone is welcome

Gedurende die eerste kwartaal van 2025 het ons twee afsonderlike "Meet & Greet"-geleenthede aangebied. Die eerste daarvan was by Davies Pool op 8 Januarie 2025.

*Ons het 'n wonderlike reaksie van die algemene publiek en belastingbetalers gehad. Ons tweede Ontmoet en Groet was met die Burgerlike "Cluster"-organisasies van Wyk 13, Onrus Huiseienaarsvereniging (ORHA), Vermont Belastingbetalers en Omgewingsvereniging (VREA) en die Vermont Conservation Foundation. Ons bly toegewyd om oop en toeganklik te wees vir die gemeenskap deur in-persoon vergaderings te kan hê met die direkteure van die OVSRA. Die volgende "Meet & Greet" geleentheid sal op **23 April 2025 om 10:00** by Optimum Sentrum, Onrus Hoofweg. Almal is welkom.*

ORHA – ONRUS RIVER HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION



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Email info@orha.co.za

Neat and tidy public parks are known to contribute to general safety of the public. That is why it is ORHA's ongoing priority to keep Onrus a 'clean' town.

In addition, safety and cleanliness enhance property values.

ORHA's team of six workers follow a dedicated program of visiting areas such as the main beach and the coastal paths where they pick up litter that the public discards and empty the various dog waste boxes. Our team also repairs and paints the many benches along our coastline. ORHA never does the OM's job for them, they simply assist where they know the municipality cannot always reach.

ORHA acquired the building at the old jukskei track on Molteno Street to store equipment. Repairs are needed and security is a great challenge. This is where ORHA can really do with the assistance of the SRA and their patrollers. .

ORHA's main project at the moment is the upgrading of the coffee KIOSK at Davies pool. This has now become a joint community project with the help of especially OM, Pam Golding and Scorgie and Engelbrecht. We hope more of the public will pitch in!





VERMONT RATEPAYERS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATION (VREA)



Vermont

Ratepayers & Environmental Association
Belastingbetalers & Omgewingsvereniging

Phone: 028 316 3386 or 082 4953 943

Email: duncanheard@telkomsa.net

The VREA also founded two key organizations:

1. The Vermont Conservation Foundation SA (VCFSA) (formerly the Vermont Conservation Trust)
2. The Vermont Coastal Path Committee (VCPC)

These organizations play a vital role in managing Vermont's Greenbelt corridors, including public spaces like the Salt Pan and the coastal area.

- VCFSA is a registered non-profit organization dedicated to the restoration and management of Vermont's Greenbelts.
- VCPC primarily relies on donations for celebratory tiles inlaid into the Vermont Coastal Path. The funds are used to assist with the maintenance and extension of the path.

VREA's Objectives:

- Preserve Vermont's character and environment, ensuring the community retains its unique appeal.
- Advocate for the interests of ratepayers, fostering involvement in local governance and other community groups.
- Ensure affordable and transparent services and amenities for all residents.
- Collaborate with other community associations to align goals for Vermont's future.
- Support ratepayer candidates for election on local government bodies.
- Foster effective communication between the VREA and ratepayers.
- Build community engagement and a sense of belonging.
- Promote Vermont as an ideal place to live and a preferred holiday destination.

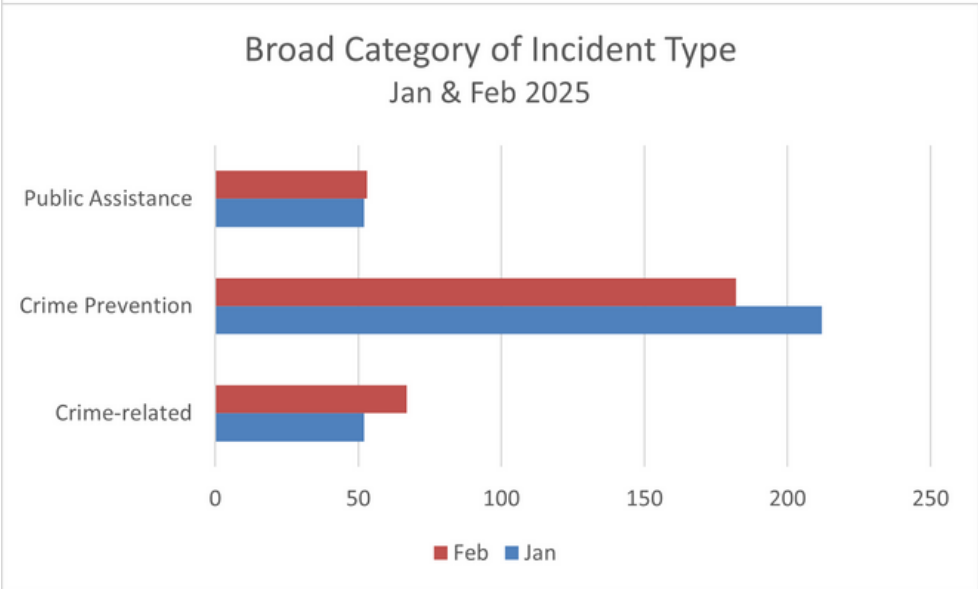
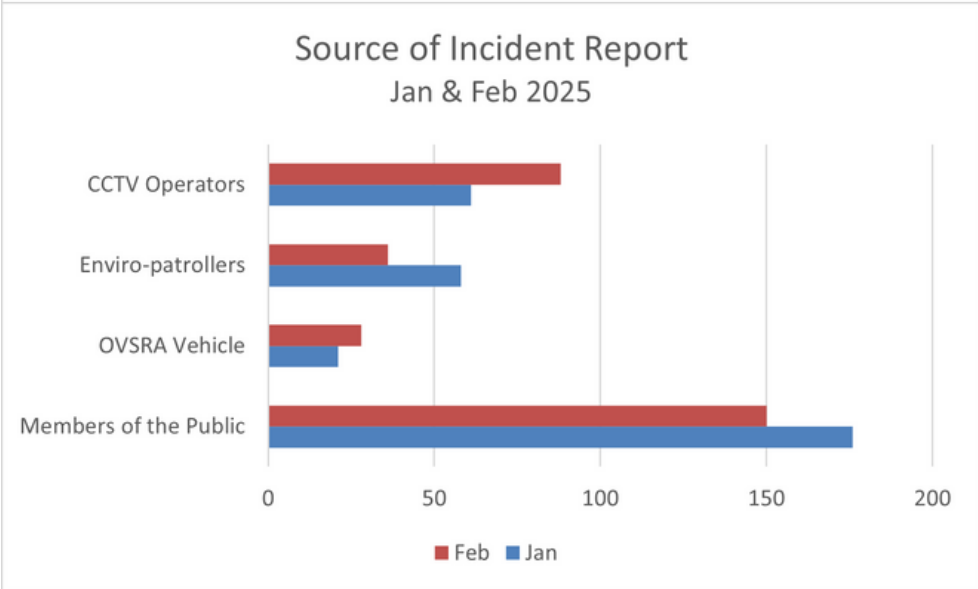
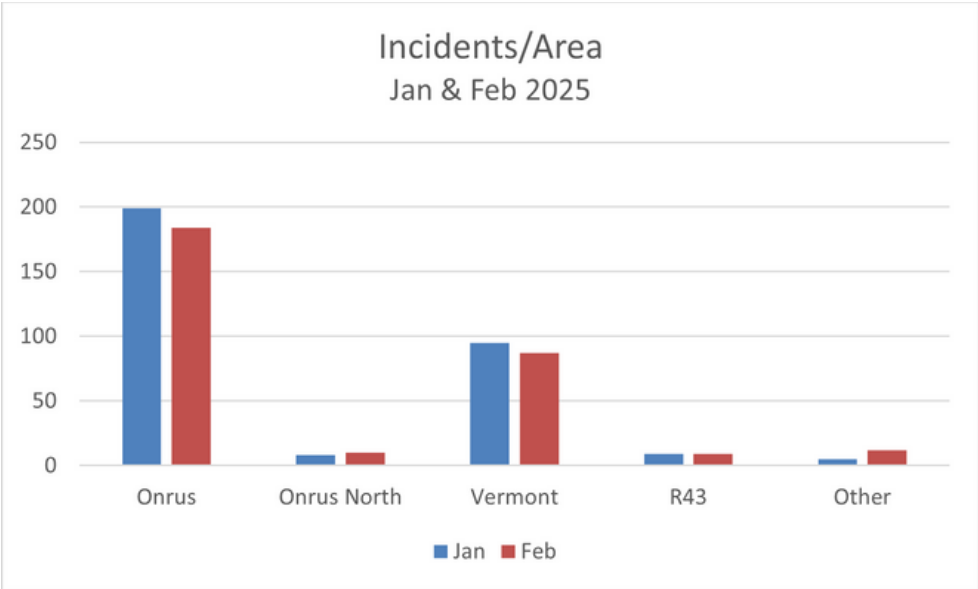
What the VREA Does:

- Represents Vermont on the municipal Ward 13 Committee.
- Offers strategic recommendations to the municipality regarding land use, infrastructure, and services.
- Monitors and reports on key strategic needs.
- Reviews and comments on town planning applications.
- Assists ratepayers with service delivery concerns and escalates issues as necessary through the Ward 13 Councillor.
- Maintains communication channels with ratepayers, including on social media platforms like Facebook. (<https://www.facebook.com/share/1AHrcm6lHp/>)

INCIDENT REPORT

An "Incident" is anything that is reported to the Control Room, this can be crime-related or reports of vagrants, lost property or animals.

'n "Insident" is enigiets wat by die Beheerkamer aangemeld word, dit kan misdAADverwant wees, rapporteer van rondlopers, verlore besittings of diere.



ARRESTS MADE
7

INCIDENTS
618

CCTV CAMERAS
68

CONTROL ROOM
24/7

Year to Date 2025

NOTICE KENNISGEWING

Be on the lookout for the Notice of our application of term extension (2025-2030) attached to the email and also available on our website.

The objection period will close at 16:00 on Friday, 2 May 2025.

Wees op die uitkyk vir die Kennisgewing rakende die verlengingsaansoek van die SRA (2025-2030) as aanhegsel tot die e-pos asook op ons webtuiste.

Die beswaarperiode sluit om 16:00 op Vrydag 2 Mei 2025.

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Stay safe
and enjoy
the Easter
Holidays



BORGE – SPONSORS

Dit sou onmoontlik wees om ons werk so effektief te doen sonder hierdie borge wat bereid is om verskeie maniere die SRA en die gemeenskap so by te staan.

It would be impossible to do our work as effectively without these sponsors who are willing to assist the SRA and the community in various ways.

- Snymans Incorporated
- BDC Wireless
- EMS Foundation
- Hansie Oosthuizen Photography
- Coastal Surv Tech
- WCC Technologies
- The Shade Shope
- I Love Onrus Deli
- Harcourts Hermanus
- CCG Electrical

Emergency Numbers

Overstrand Municipality 028 313 8000

(After Hours) 028 313 8111

SAPS 028 313 5300

Law Enforcement 028 313 8996

Fire Dept 028 312 2400

Onrus Vermont SRA 079 469 8606

Onverwag NHW 079 419 9267

Alfa Buurtwag 082 042 8467

Ambulance 10177

NSRI 082 990 5967

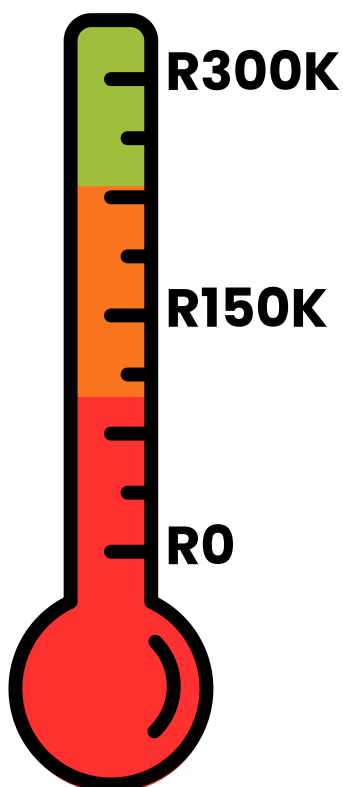
Govt Hospital 028 313 1166

Medi Clinic 028 313 0168

FONDSINSAMELING – FUNDRAISING

Thank you to all who contributed to these fundraising projects. You managed to raise just over R300k, which is a remarkable achievement. The OVSRA has matched this contribution which allows us to fast track our roll out and increases CCTV coverage and efficiency. The projects below will all be 100% completed by the end of April 2025.

Look out for the next phase of the CCTV roll out which will cover new areas and the replacement of older cameras and infrastructure.



CHANTECLAIR

This initial phase of fundraising and CCTV roll out has been completed with all sites active.

KRINTANG

This initial phase of fundraising and CCTV roll out has been completed with all sites active.

BERGHOF

This initial phase of fundraising and CCTV roll out has been completed with all sites active.

GREATER ALIKREUKEL

This initial phase of fundraising and CCTV roll out is still ongoing as all the sites are not live yet.

McFARLANE/ROOME

This initial phase of fundraising and CCTV roll out has been completed with all sites active.