



NEWSLETTER

ONRUS VERMONT SPECIAL RATING AREA

Q2 2025



WORD FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

1 July marked our fourth birthday – and the die is cast for many more to come! We're very pleased to let you know that the OVSRA has officially been granted its five-year extension by Overstrand Municipality, along with the Hermanus and Kleinmond SRAs. It's a significant administrative milestone for us, and we truly appreciate the continued support and confidence from our community as we step into our fifth year.

There's more good news: Sandbaai has also received the green light from their community to apply for an SRA. This is a big win, because SRAs represent every property owner in their area – and by working together, we now have a shared platform to focus not only on improving services within our own suburbs, but also on enhancing the greater Hermanus area as a whole.

Now that the paperwork is behind us, we're turning our attention to the issues residents raise most often, especially those where we believe we can make a real and visible difference. As part of our ongoing commitment to transparency and accountability, we've invited quotes from service providers to ensure we're getting the best value for money. The Board will be reviewing these in the coming weeks, and we'll keep you updated on the process and decisions.



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A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported the OVSRA during our first term – whether by reporting incidents, raising concerns, donating towards and / or hosting cameras, other sponsorships, volunteering your time, or simply staying engaged. We remain committed to building a safer, well-managed, and inclusive neighbourhood. Together, we are stronger. And finally, please spare a thought for our patrollers in this cold and wet winter. The weather hasn't stopped them from keeping a watchful eye over our streets and greenbelts. We're incredibly grateful for their ongoing dedication.

1 Julie merk ons vierde verjaarsdag – een van vele wat nog gaan kom! Ons is verlig om u te laat weet dat die OVSRA amptelik sy volgende vyfjaartermyn-verlenging ontvang het van Overstrand Munisipaliteit. Die SRAs van Hermanus en Kleinmond het ook hul verlengings ontvang van die Munisipaliteit. Dit is 'n belangrike administratiewe mylpaal vir ons, en ons waardeer die voortgesette ondersteuning en vertroue van ons gemeenskap werklik terwyl ons ons vyfde jaar betree.

Daar is meer goeie nuus. Sandbaai het ook die groen lig van hul gemeenskap ontvang om aansoek te doen vir 'n SRA. Dit is 'n groot oorwinning, want SRAs verteenwoordig elke eiendomseienaar in hul gebied – en deur saam te werk, het ons nou 'n gedeelde platform om nie net te fokus op die verbetering van dienste binne ons eie voorstede nie, maar ook op die verbetering van die groter Hermanus-gebied as geheel.

Noudat die papierwerk agter die rug is, vestig ons ons aandag op die kwessies wat inwoners die meeste opper, veral dié waar ons glo ons kan 'n werklike en sigbare verskil maak. As deel van ons voortgesette verbintenis tot deursigtigheid en verantwoordbaarheid, het ons kwotasies van diensverskaffers genooi om te verseker dat ons die beste waarde vir geld kry t.o.v. ons diens aan die publiek. Die Raad sal dit in die komende weke hersien, en ons sal u op hoogte hou van die proses en besluite.

'n Hartlike dankie aan almal wat die OVSRA gedurende ons eerste termyn ondersteun het – hetsy deur voorvalle aan te meld, bekommernisse uit te spreek, te skenk aan en/of kameras aan te bied, ander borgskappe, vrywilligerswerk te doen, of bloot betrokke te bly. Ons bly verbind tot die bou van 'n veiliger, goed bestuurde en inklusiewe buurt. Saam is ons sterker.

En laastens, dink asseblief aan ons patroleerders in hierdie koue en nat winter. Nogtans keer die weer hulle nie om 'n waaksame ogie oor ons strate en groenstroke te hou nie. Ons is ongelooflik dankbaar vir hul volgehoue toewyding.

Groete
Caroline Gabb



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REFLECTION ON THE LAST FOUR YEARS AS GENERAL MANAGER, ONRUS VERMONT SRA



Little did I know back in 2019 when I was freelancing for the OVSRA Steering Committee, to manage and verify the data for the voting and election of the first Board of Directors, that I would end up becoming the General Manager of the OVSRA. I did a great deal of soul-searching prior to accepting the position, and set out with very clear intentions: to foster strong, professional partnerships with all safety and security stakeholders — including neighbourhood watches, private security providers, SAPS, Law Enforcement and the other SRAs in the Overstrand. I have always believed in listening to the community, responding to their needs with care, and providing accurate, reliable information that they can trust. Creative, unbiased problem-

solving has guided my approach, always with the goal of improving the lives of everyone who lives, works and visits our area, and ensuring an ecologically sound and clean environment for us all to live in. The heart of the SRA model is partnership with the municipality — a collaboration that strengthens us all — and I'm proud to say that we've lived up to this promise. Through open communication and shared purpose, we've built something meaningful, useful and highly effective. As a resident of Ward 13 myself, I see every day how the OVSRA has a positive and tangible impact on our area. We have galloped ahead of our goals, with a CCTV footprint that is now five times greater than it was when we started in 2021 through combining our income with the incredible generosity of many residents. Our crime prevention figures are high, with drugs, weapons and house break-in tools now being a rare discovery. While we will never be able to completely stop crime, especially organised crime from outside our area, many known criminals have moved along, and those that are still here are checked and questioned, and then monitored until they leave the neighbourhood. We are so pleased to report that, thanks to the collaborative nature of our approach, crime figures have plummeted, and successes continue to grow. This is also thanks to you notifying our control room whenever you notice something out of place – if you **see something, say something**, and we will respond immediately. Thank you for your support – we are looking forward to next five years!

REPORTING OF STREET LIGHTS

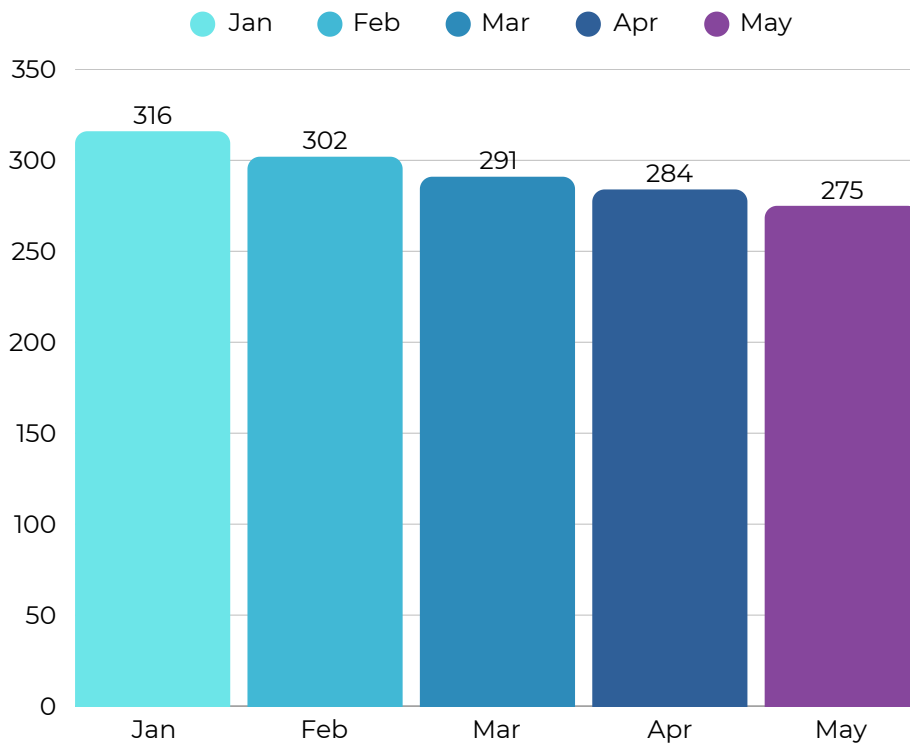
Kindly report any street lights that are out to Overstrand Municipality on the Collab Citizen app (it can be downloaded on the your app store) or on **028 313 8000**. It is up to residents and organisations alike to continuously report these matters to the municipality in order to ensure we continue receiving excellent service.

*Rappoteer asb enige straatligte wat dood is aan Overstrand Munisipaliteit deur die Collab Citizzen toep (dit kan gevind word op jou foon se Toepwinkel) of deur **028 313 8000** te skakel. Dit is belangrik dat inwoners en organisasies hierdie sake voortdurend aan die munisipaliteit rapporteer om te verseker dat ons steeds uitstekende diens van hulle ontvang.*

INCIDENT REPORT

An "Incident" is anything that is reported to the Control Room, this varies from crime-related, lost animals, or anything general.

YTD Incidents



ARRESTS MADE
16

INCIDENTS
1468

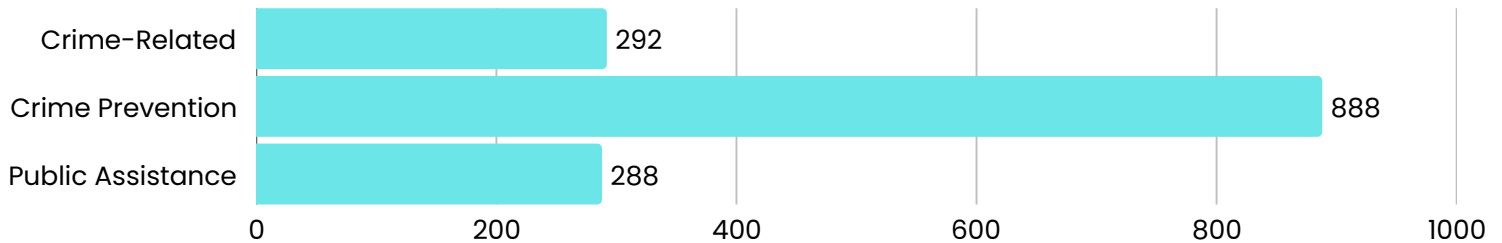
CCTV CAMERAS
78

CONTROL ROOM
24/7

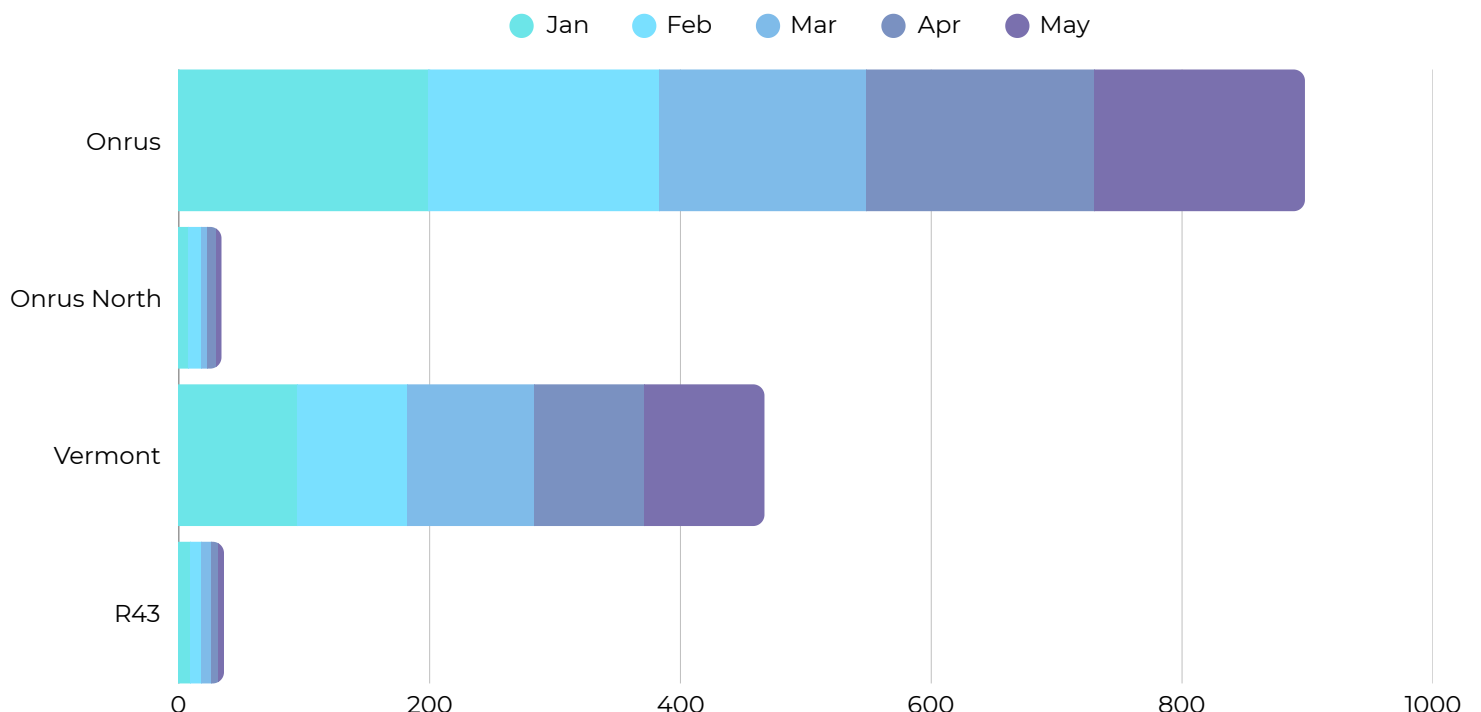
AVG DISTANCE
TRAVELLED BY ENVIRO-
PATROLLERS
2959
KM PER MONTH

Year to Date 2025

Broad Incident Category

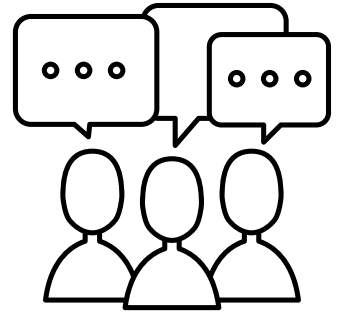


YTD Incidents per Area



PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

20 August 2025, 17:30
NG Kerk Onrus, Berg Str
Save this date, more info to follow!



CCTV ROLL OUT

We are delighted to announce that we have successfully completed Phase 2 of our CCTV camera roll-out. Phase 3 has already commenced and with the start of the new financial year at the beginning of July 2025, you can expect that this phase will also be completed as planned.

We are in the process of replacing the original cameras that were loaned to us by Onverwag. The new cameras integrate with our hardware and AI software. We will also be rolling out trail cameras in areas where we cannot immediately place a CCTV camera, as some areas in our ward prove challenging for normal installations. We trust that assistance from the trail cameras will increase efficacy in the control room.

Over and above our planned CCTV roll-out, we also have Special Projects. This is when a specific cluster/smaller area within the ward gets together and assist us financially to speed up the roll-out in their specific area. Examples of this is the Peninsula, Chanteclair, Greater Alikreukel area, Periwinkle and McFarlane/Roome projects. These projects are planned and integrated 100% with our CCTV roll-out model. More info about these projects can be obtained from AJ Smit at cctv@onrusvermontsra.com.

Ons is verheug om aan te kondig dat ons Fase 2 van ons CCTV-kamera-uitrol suksesvol voltooi het. Fase 3 het reeds begin en met die begin van die nuwe finansiële jaar aan die begin van Julie 2025, kan daar verwag word dat hierdie fase soos beplan is voltooi sal word.

Ons is besig om die oorspronklike kameras wat deur Onverwag aan ons geleen is, te vervang. Die nuwe kameras integreer met ons hardeware en AI-sagteware. Ons sal ook "trail cameras" uitrol in gebiede waar ons nie dadelik 'n CCTV-kamera kan plaas nie, aangesien sommige gebiede in ons wyk moeilik is vir normale installasies. Ons vertrou dat hulp van die "trail cameras" die doeltreffendheid in die beheerkamer sal verhoog.

Bo en behalwe ons beplande CCTV-uitrol, het ons ook Spesiale Projekte. Dit is wanneer 'n spesifieke groep/kleiner gebied binne die wyk bymekaarkom en ons finansiële help om die uitrol in hul spesifieke gebied te bespoedig. Voorbeelde hiervan is die Skiereiland-, Chanteclair-, Groter Alikreukel-gebied, Periwinkle- en McFarlane/Roome-projekte. Hierdie projekte word 100% beplan en geïntegreer met ons CCTV-uitrolmodel. Meer inligting oor hierdie projekte kan verkry word van AJ Smit by cctv@onrusvermontsra.com.



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