

Chairman – Jerry van Niekerk

Jerry and his wife Cheryl bought their Hermanus holiday home some eighteen years ago and permanently moved here in December 2021. His involvement in Hermanus over this time includes helping establish and chair Hermanus Siyakha, of which he currently is a director. Hermanus Siyakha is a registered Non-Profit Company with the purpose to grow township based small and medium enterprises.

Jerry's corporate career was spent at Old Mutual where, in the last ten years of his career, he held executive positions in the human resources, customer service and the retail mass market divisions. In addition, he performed roles as Director and Trustee of various Old Mutual owned entities.

After retiring early from Old Mutual, he founded and managed the Ilima Trust, an Old Mutual initiated non-profit organisation. The trust was created to build the capacity of key leaders in Local Government and the Overstrand Municipality happened to be one of its beneficiaries. The Trust also assisted previously disadvantaged women in building their small business enterprises.

Having completed a M.Phil. degree in Managing Coaching at the Stellenbosch Business School, he now runs a coaching practice with a special interest in entrepreneurial coaching.

Jerry hopes to contribute towards the excellent leadership platform created by the current Chairman and Board. He aims to create a strong relationship with the Overstrand Municipality to ensure a safe, healthy, clean, and caring environment for Hermanus residents and visitors.

