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# FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

## PLAYGROUP MENTORS RECOGNISED

Playgroup mentors and coaches received recognition from the community for the great work they are doing in Hopefield and Koperfontein. They were awarded certificates and learning materials to assist the Playgroup leaders with their teaching programmes and early childhood development.

Since their implementation, the community Playgroups have seen great success. An earlier baseline test for school beginners was completed by Grassroots, which showed that help was needed. Considering the results, Grassroot was also to recommend and implement interventions, which are now showing great improvements in school readiness. The Umoya Energy Playgroup model has been so successful that it has been presented to the National Department of Social Development.

We're pleased to announce that Grassroots will continue to help improve school readiness in the community through Early Childhood Development programmes, mentorship and training.



Playgroup Mentors & Coaches were awarded certificates at the community meeting.



**Dené Loubser** has completed her 4-year B.Ed. Foundation Phase at CPUT (Wellington) and has now begun working as a Foundation phase teacher at Noordhoek Primary School in Velddrif.

## SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS ENTER WORK LIFE

Congratulations to **Dene Loubser and Zulcké Cleophas**, who have graduated from the Umoya Energy Scholarship Programme, and will now be entering work life.

All of the 2019 scholarship learners passed the 2019 academic year and Umoya Energy, along with the West Coast community, is proud to boast with students of this caliber. Umoya Energy will continue to provide financial, psycho-social support and mentorship for the current scholarship beneficiaries, and wish them all the best for the year ahead.

**Zulcké Cleophas** recently completed her B Tech in Nursing Science and has now begun her dream career as a nurse at Vredenburg Provincial Hospital.

## SMME PROGRAMME FOR LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS

In partnership with TrioPlus Development and the Saldanha Bay Municipality, Umoya Energy's Enterprise Development Programme is assisting 10 local SMMEs to accelerate their growth and sustainability.

The three-month programme includes class training and one-on-one mentoring, to help the entrepreneurs with marketing, finances and business development support.

Local SMMEs selected to be part of this programme are Shalom Baking, LeeJ, T Maqolo Trading, Malihambe Project Primary C-Operative Limited, Mzamomhle Car Wash and Cleaning, Thembelakuye Trading (Pts) Ltd, HOD Enterprise, Lukanyo Lwethu Technologies, Qhzwekazi Designs, TA SK Installers.

Part of the programme also includes helping each of the entrepreneurs understand the process and requirements of funding applications. Each enterprise put together a proposal and was awarded seed capital to purchase essential equipment, to further expand and strengthen their business.

**Mzamomhle Car Wash and Cleaning** purchased a pressure washer & 80L Stainless Steel Wet/Dry vacuum cleaner.



With seed capital received, **Lizzie Kopi** purchased an industrial sewing machine.



Whole of Society Approach – Holiday Programme fun

## HOLIDAY FUN FOR YOUTH

Over 190 children from Hopfield, Vredenburg, Langebaan and Laingville joined the **Whole of Society Approach – Holiday Programme (WoSA)** over December.

In collaboration with ArcelorMittal South Africa, SANParks and the Saldanha Bay Municipality, the programme included breakfast and snack packs from HOD Enterprises, visits to local SANParks and plenty of fun.

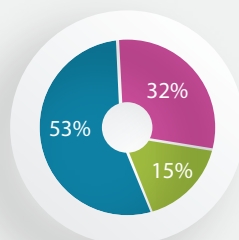


### 2020 UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Details of the next community meeting will be placed on community noticeboards.

## Q4 / 2019 - FUNDING SPENT

- Social Welfare
- Enterprise Development
- Education



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