



kouga wind farm

# FRESH NEWS



Since our commissioning on 17 March 2015, Kouga Wind Farm has been proud to be a part of our community. Over the past five years, we have invested our time and resources and joined hands with you to build a better, more sustainable future together.



Happy Anniversary, Sea Vista, Umzamowethu, Kruisfontein and KwaNomzamo

# Message from our CEO



When we started operating five years ago, our team had no idea what a tight network of relationships we would form with local people. Together, we have shown the power of community and of working together for all.

From local businesses and NGOs to the landowners who share their space with us, many individuals have made a difference in their own special way. One great example is our Rainmakers, the dedicated women who volunteer selflessly to do good in their communities.

You too can make a difference. Think about the resources and skills you have and how your talents can help to benefit others. When we all play our part, our communities will keep developing, long after Kouga Wind Farm is gone.

Thank you for being part of our journey,  
Wendy Parsons

## 5 YEARS • 4 INVESTMENT PILLARS • 25 MILLION RAND

These are just some of the many highlights over the years. Our aim has always been to spend wisely and invest in sustainable projects that improve quality of life and equip our people with the skills and resources to build healthier, happier communities.

### EDUCATION R11.4 MILLION

Sea Vista Community Library  
Nkqubela Creche  
Sandwater Primary Computer Lab  
Mzamo wo Moya After-School Programme  
NSRI Water Safety Programme



### DIRECT OVERHEADS R3.34 MILLION

### HEALTH & WELFARE R2.477 MILLION

Mom and Baby Clinic  
Pink Drive Mobile Cancer Testing  
St Francis Hospice Vehicle and Programme Support  
URE Eye Tests at Primary Schools  
Corrective Eye Surgeries  
Food Security Programmes

### SKILLS DEVELOPMENT R6.6 MILLION

Rainmakers Legacy Project  
Bursary Programme  
Computer Literacy Programme  
Drivers Education Programme



### RECREATION R829 000

Umzamowethu Outdoor Gym  
Cricket Clinics  
Boys Brigade Band  
The Flame Boyz  
Poison Ivy Netball Academy



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# Bursaries build brighter future

Started in 2018 with seven beneficiaries, the Kouga Wind Farm bursary programme has grown to 25 students at 10 tertiary institutions across South Africa, including universities, private academies and public TVET colleges.

Our students are enrolled for degrees and diplomas ranging from education to economics, IT to accounting, and baking to film-making.

Depending on their needs, our funding covers tuition, books, accommodation and living expenses. Through our partner, Masinyusane Development Organisation, we also provide mentors and self-development workshops.

In return, the students must pass at least 75% of their modules and complete 50 hours of volunteer work in their communities.

This year, they have faced massive disruptions, as campuses closed due to Covid-19. Before lockdown, Masinyusane delivered laptops to those who needed them, making sure our students were equipped for online learning.

Jim McKeown from Masinyusane says: "More than ever, students need support. These kids are lucky to have the wind farm sponsoring mentors. A lot will be new - having someone to talk to and ask advice from is a big advantage. With many other bursary schemes, that personal connection isn't there."



## **Luvo Tewu (KwaNomzamo)**

Diploma: Financial Information Systems (3rd year)  
Institution: Cape Peninsula University of Technology

"I can't believe the change that the bursary has made in my life. My mother is a single parent. She supports me and my sister, and some cousins also live with us. Had it not been for the bursary, I wouldn't have been able to further my studies. I became aware of the scheme when I attended an event sponsored by Kouga Wind Farm. Besides paying for my tuition, transport, and accommodation, and providing a stipend, they make regular contact to see how I'm doing. They've even travelled to Cape Town to see me. I've always been a very hardworking student, and when they give me a 'bonus' for every distinction I get, it makes me want to work even harder. This year was going to be great, my final year. I was supposed to graduate in December. But then I had to come home. They say we will begin again in June. I really hope so, but I am so grateful that I don't have to worry about finances."



## **Anelisa Adams (Sea Vista)**

Degree: Bachelor of Education - Foundation Phase (2nd year)  
Institution: Varsity College

"At home, it's my mother, me and my younger sister. I found out about the bursary scheme on Facebook, so I applied online. No-one in my family had done tertiary education before, so I did not imagine that I could. What's great is that they didn't restrict my study area. They just want us to get involved in community service. Last year I worked at our community library reading to the young kids and did admin at the Council office. I was going to do Rainmakers this year, but that's on hold now because of the lockdown. The sponsors have been so supportive. We had a robbery last year, and they were even prepared to pay for counselling. I used to wait for other students in the residence to finish on their laptops before I could do my assignments, so they supplied me with a laptop. Most of our studies are online at the moment. My stipend covers my data costs, which allows me to submit assignments."



## **Llewellyn Breda (Kruisfontein)**

Degree: Bachelor of Arts - Motion Picture (1st year)  
Institution: AFDA

"This bursary has been a dream come true for me. I matriculated in 2012, and since then I've worked in construction, retail and graphic design. I was determined to work and save to buy my first camera, and also to help my single mother feed our family. I've been doing so since I got my first job in Grade 9. When I read about the bursary on Facebook, I was so excited. Without this opportunity I don't know how long it would have taken me to get to university. The fact that the bursary covers my accommodation, fees and a monthly stipend means I'm able to keep helping my mother, especially now that she is unable to work because of the lockdown. I'm determined to give back to my community once I've completed my studies. I am keen to introduce local schools to film-making. I also want to promote local people and talent via the films that I will make. We have so much to offer the world."

# Wind farms fight Covid-19

With so many households unable to earn an income or put food on the table during the Covid-19 lockdown, Kouga Wind Farm has teamed up with Jeffreys Bay Wind Farm and Tsitsikamma Wind Farm to help as many families in the region as possible.

Part of what is known as the Coastal-6, we have pooled our resources to purchase food parcels and hygiene packs for households, homeless shelters and partner NGOs. The distribution of these parcels is coordinated by the Kouga Municipality. We also co-funded a 20-foot refrigerated container, which the municipality is using to store fresh food items.

This effort is helping to keep our communities healthy by ensuring that everyone has daily meals and soap to wash their hands to limit the spread of the virus.

In addition, we are sponsoring personal protective equipment for medical teams carrying out community screening and testing on behalf of the Department of Health. Going forward, we will be exploring other impactful ways of supporting Covid-19 initiatives. ■



## Sea Vista library connects you

Visitors to the Sea Vista library will soon be able to browse the internet, do research for school projects, and send and receive emails from the library's computers.

Sponsored by The Computer Shop (TCS) in St Francis Bay, the new 10Mbps ADSL line will make sure that users enjoy fast and easy internet access and connect them to the worldwide web.

TCS branch manager Roger De Doncker says the connectivity will be available on all the library's desktop computers - both upstairs and downstairs.

"It's uncapped, so it's a good, consistent connection," he says.

This will make doing research and getting the information you need - whether it is personal or for business - a breeze.

And, because the library roof is one of the highest points in the area, the repeater that has been installed will receive the signal from the nearest tower and retransmit it over a wider area so that private users in the Cape St Francis community will benefit from a stronger connection.

