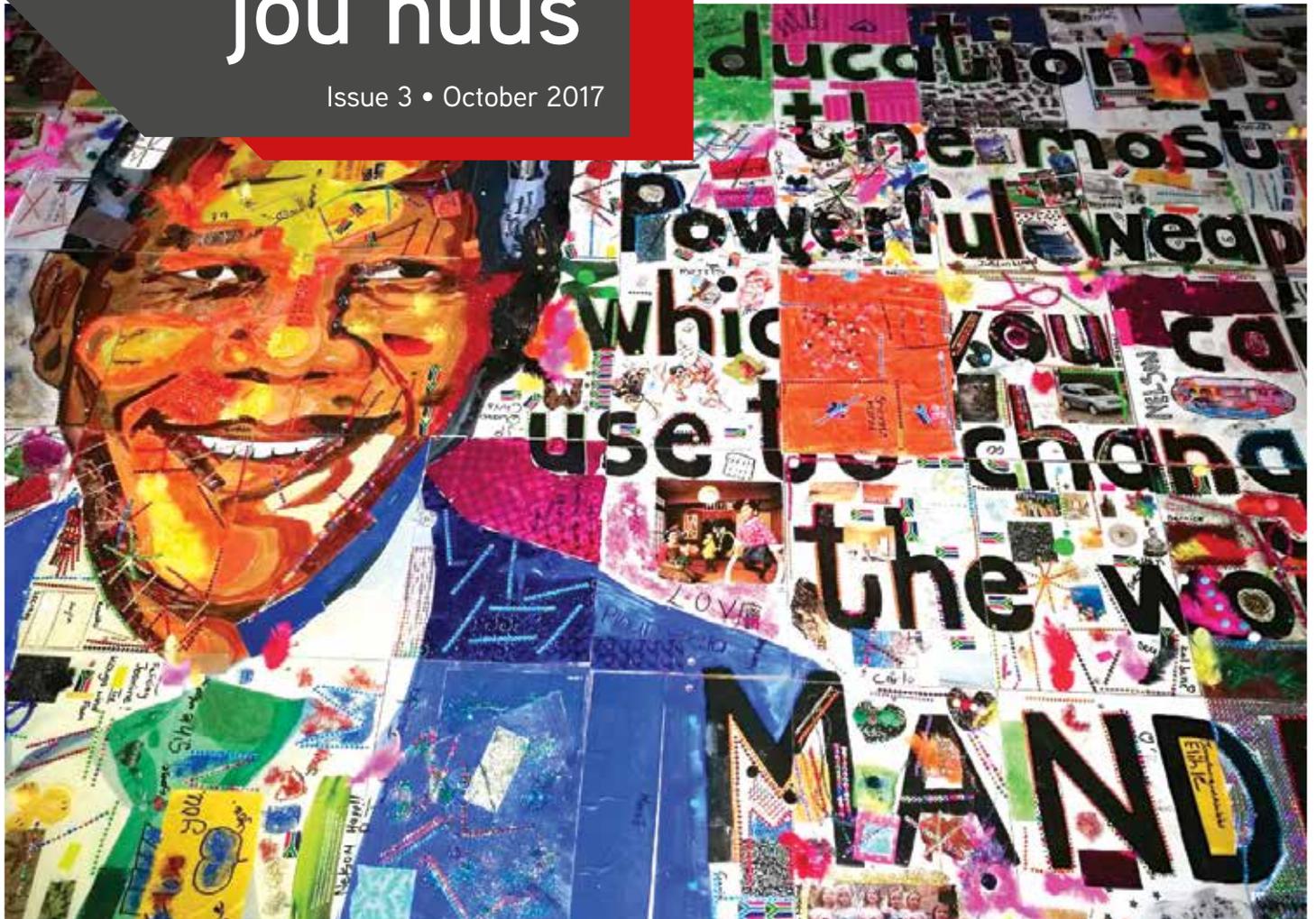


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The Mandela masterpiece made by the children of Umzamowethu.

Bringing Madiba magic

Umzamowethu's children combined their creative talents to remember Madiba and the values he stood for on Mandela Day.

More than a hundred children were invited to take part in this community art project at the Oyster Bay Community Hall.

Guided by well-known Nelson Mandela Bay artists Bretten-Anne Moolman and Dolla Sapeta, the youngsters each received a mystery "puzzle piece", which they spent 67 minutes colouring in and decorating.

The budding artists wrote personal messages on the back of their pieces before they were put together to reveal a picture of Madiba, with his message that

"education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world."

The aim of the exercise was to show that if everyone worked together, ordinary South Africans could build the better future for our country that Mandela struggled for.

The children also enjoyed *The Story of Madiba*, an educational theatre production that used songs, drumming, dance and storytelling to remind them of the importance of forgiveness and serving others. ●



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Kruisfontein

SPOTLIGHT ON: WOMEN'S MONTH

7 August – 7 September 2017

Kouga Wind Farm has started empowering women to drive social change in our local communities with the launch of a new Women's Month programme.

Tackling important topics, from nutrition and health to parenting, finances, and finding your purpose, the five weekly self-improvement workshops inspired and equipped attendees to improve their own lives and those of others.

The sessions also gave the women the chance to talk about and brainstorm solutions to the real social challenges facing the communities of Sea Vista, Umzamowethu, KwaNomzamo and Kruisfontein.

The next step will be to roll out a legacy programme, which will empower a committee of volunteers, known as "rainmakers", to shape and implement their ideas in each community, says community liaison officer Trevor Arosi.

"Over the next six months, Kouga Wind Farm will mentor the women to develop the right skills and knowledge to pursue their projects and address the need or problem they identified in their community."

Left: Designer Thabo Makhetha shows off the Basotho blanket-inspired coat that launched her fashion label. She encouraged the women of Kruisfontein and Umzamowethu to use the creative resources in their communities, tap into their rich traditions and work together to make their ideas succeed.

Below: Ubuntu Education Fund's Nozibele Qamngana inspired the women of Sea Vista to unleash their potential during her motivational talk. She explained that their past did not determine the great women they could be and encouraged them to march into the future with purpose.



Above left: A group shares a few laughs – and some good ideas – during a discussion session at the Kruisfontein Community Hall.



Sea Vista



Above: Women of all ages – from teenagers to gogos – came to support the Women's Month workshops in Sea Vista.



Above: A young woman carefully records all contributions from her group members at one of the KwaNomzamo sessions.



Umsamowethu

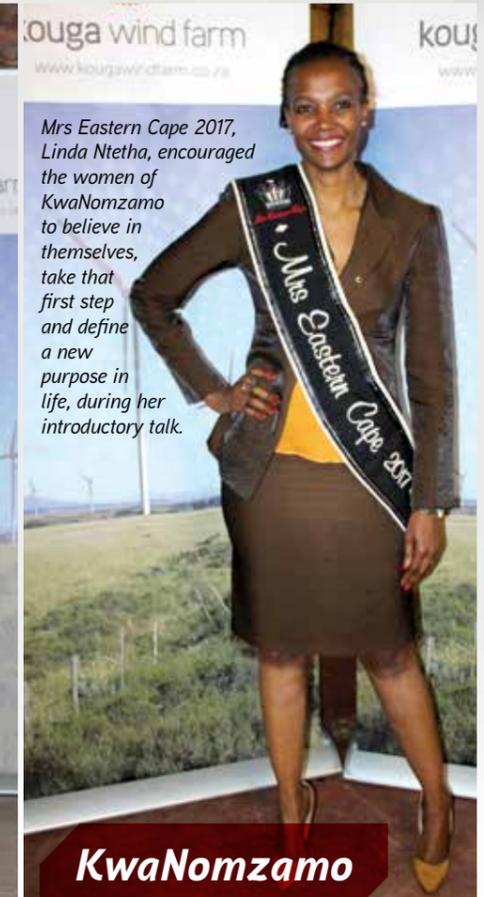
Above: Motivated to create positive change in their community, these women came together at the Oyster Bay Community Hall on Women's Day.



Above left: Starting a food garden is just one of the ways women are looking to improve nutrition and wellness in Umsamowethu.



Right: Programme director Nomonde Vakalisa of Umhlobo Wenene FM leads the proceedings at the inaugural session in Umsamowethu.



Mrs Eastern Cape 2017, Linda Ntetha, encouraged the women of KwaNomzamo to believe in themselves, take that first step and define a new purpose in life, during her introductory talk.

KwaNomzamo

WORKING UP A SWEAT: Site preparations have begun for the brand-new outdoor gym in Umzawowethu. Get ready to get fit – watch this space!



Developing skills for success

Young people in the Kouga area have been working hard to develop essential life and technical skills to help them get a job and get ahead.

Since June, Kouga Wind Farm has sponsored 30 candidates from Sea Vista to take part in the Siyazenzela Youth Programme presented by the Wilderness Foundation Africa.

The two-week Siyazenzela training develops basic employability and leadership skills to give young people the confidence and skills to enter the job market successfully. Of the 30 candidates, 15 have already found placements at a supermarket in St Francis Bay.

Following the basic course, 10 candidates were selected for the three-month Siyazenzela Plus programme, which fosters specific practical skills for the hospitality sector. This industry is a major employer in the Kouga area, which will improve the graduates' chances of finding and maintaining employment.

In another positive development, seven volunteers from the KwaNomzamo Home-Based Care organisation also successfully completed their Varsity College short courses.

Funded by the wind farm, the courses included project management, office administration and personal computing, which will help them to manage the day-to-day KHBC operations more effectively and efficiently.

Better learning and teaching

Kouga Wind Farm is making education a priority with the start of a schools upgrade programme.

After moving into new premises at the beginning of the year, Sea Vista Primary School found they did not have adequate equipment or facilities to promote effective learning and teaching.

The school identified a list of needs and Kouga Wind Farm was happy help them check off the first item – audio-visual equipment for the school hall.

The new projector, screen and sound equipment will bring technology to the pupils and enable them to watch educational films that connect them with the world. It will also assist with fundraising community events, such as dances and bingo evenings.

This is the first phase of the planned upgrade over the next year, which will include providing educational resources and equipment for the IT and media centre as well as the maths and science laboratory. New kitchen appliances

and utensils will help staff to prepare nutritious meals for the children.

The final element will be the development of the sports facilities to establish a healthy sporting culture at the school.

At Sandwater Primary School in Oyster Bay, the wind farm recently sponsored 10 bookshelves for the school office and all classrooms, from Grade R to 7, to keep all books and learning materials neat and tidy and easily accessible.



This group is ready to learn with the Siyazenzela Plus programme.

Mfundo Oliphant scored top marks in both personal computing and office administration with 91% and 77% respectively.



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