



COOKHOUSE WINDFARM



QUARTER 1 2023 NEWSLETTER



Matric Excellence Awards

We proudly sponsored a Matric Excellence Awards ceremony at Aeroville Senior Secondary School in Somerset East, recognizing the outstanding achievements of three exceptional students.

Gabriel Bosman, Aphelele Moos, and Asindisiwe Simayile were each awarded a laptop for their remarkable efforts in a ceremony attended by learners, staff, and the School Governing Body.

Gabriel has enrolled in a Bachelor of Education programme at Nelson Mandela University, while Aphelele is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree at the same institution. Asindisiwe, who was unable to attend the ceremony due to registration commitments, has started her studies at Rhodes University.



Lifa Baskiti, CLO for Cookhouse Wind Farm, expressed the importance of acknowledging and encouraging the success of young achievers, stating, "Children need encouragement whenever they do well, and we thought it appropriate to fund this initiative in the hope that those they leave behind will draw inspiration from their peers and emulate their feat."



Mobile Clinic Supervisor – Phumlani George

Phumlani George, Professional Nurse and Mobile Clinic Supervisor, shared insights about his 16-month experience in his role, providing primary health care to rural farm communities.

When asked about his experience, Phumlani stated, "My time in this project has opened my eyes to the suffering that people in farms have to endure in order to access primary health care."

He also mentioned a highlight of his work, saying, "When the television crew from Nisboere TV came to interview me, I felt good about my job. It meant that there is value in this project that I am a part of."

In closing, he said that the community appreciates their services, as they are no longer required to go to township clinics, which comes at a financial cost to them.

Bursary Programme - New Intake

Our commitment to education is evident through our Scholarship Programme, which recently welcomed three high-achieving students from local schools.

Kesha De Klerk, Elfreda Gelderbloem, and Anelisa Menziwa were successfully interviewed and onboarded by Zakwantu Projects and Services, the wind farm's service provider at the Community Office. The young women are pursuing studies in Social Work, Nursing, and Teaching.



Lifa Baskiti, Cookhouse Wind Farm CLO, reiterated the company's dedication to education, stating, "In a country like ours, the value of education can never be overstated. Our company wants to play its role in making a dent in the soaring levels of unemployment and poverty. The surest way to do that is through education."

Sanitary Vending Machine Project

In partnership with the MENstruation Foundation, we funded the provision of sanitary pad vending machines in outlying Eastern Cape schools.

As part of this initiative, sanitary pad vending machines have been placed at eight beneficiary schools, where they will be stocked up monthly to ensure sufficient supply to cater to the needs of more than 2 000 girl learners, throughout the year. Tokens to access the pads are provided to the schools, at no cost.

"This initiative has assisted our learners greatly and you can sense that their dignity has been restored. It has also improved our learners' attendance where some of them did not attend school due to not having sanitary towels," said **Mr J Snyers, Principal of Aeroville Senior Secondary School, Somerset East.**

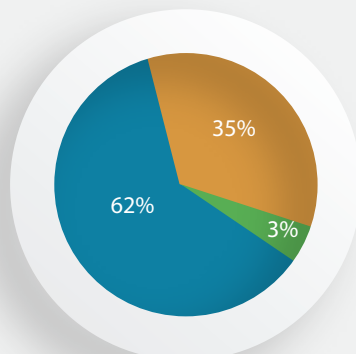


2023 UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Details of the next community meetings will be placed on community notice boards.

QUARTERLY BREAKDOWN (Q1 2023)

- Education
- Health
- Welfare



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