



# BENEFITING THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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## VEG IN A BOX TRAINING

Thandi Radebe from the Pellsrus community, is one of the local community members in the Jeffreys Bay area to have received a vegetable planter box, together with spinach seedlings, compost and training to become proficient in natural sustainable vegetable farming.

Veggie- in-a-Box provides valuable skills, training and expertise to community members, to equip and inspire them with the knowledge, skills and experience to grow healthy vegetables on any portion of land with minimal input materials.

Jeffreys Bay Wind Farm is providing funding for 200 veggie planter boxes and training is provided at The Healthy Mom and Baby Clinic (Jeffreys Bay); Noah's Ark Crèche (Pellsrus); Kings College (Oceanview); and Wave Point Church (Jeffreys Bay).



*"I found the training to be a real eye-opener and I am working to become confident in this special technique, which means that I'll be able to grow organic veggies for my family,"*  
**Thandi Radebe.**



*"We are forever grateful for the assistance from the parents at our crèche, as well as to Jeffreys Bay Wind Farm, who funded this massive refurbishment, as we can now accommodate up to 100 additional children from local community,"*  
**Emerentia Potgieter, Principal of Mkhusele Koliti Crèche.**



## MKHUSELE KOLITI CRÈCHE

Thornhill community parents of children attending Mkhusele Koliti Crèche, helped with the extensive refurbishment programme to upgrade and expand the facility, which has now re-opened.

The new facility can now support additional children entering Grade RR and ensure that they receive meaningful learning opportunities, in preparation for attending Grade R.

Close to R1million was funded, to provide a new Prefab unit, electrical installation, plumbing, an office, storeroom, kitchen upgrade, ablution facilities as well as high security perimeter fencing. Other refurbishments, some of which the parents joined in to assist with, included the replacement of windowpanes, internal and external paint works, and other general repairs.



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## EXTRA SUPPORT DURING COVID

A number of COVID relief programmes have been funded to support the most vulnerable families during the health pandemic.

A 20-foot refrigeration container was purchased to provide a central collection, storage and distribution point for the Kouga Municipal Food Parcel and fresh food items. This has helped large quantities of fresh vegetable to be stored, sorted and then included into the dry food parcel packs. Items other than vegetables being stored in the container include milk and other perishables donated by funders, NGO's and private organisations.

This refrigeration container will be relocated to the King's College School, in Oceanview, after the Covid-19 pandemic, to help its sustainable food project, which is used to provide nutritional meals for the learners and to help feed staff and their families. Some of the vegetables are given to elderly widows and orphans in the surrounding community, in addition to a small portion of the vegetables being sold commercially to provide funding to buy seeds and seedlings to grow new vegetable crops.



## LOCAL TEACHING BURSARIES



**Aminah Booysen**, at Graslaga Primary School, is one of 17 Reading Assistants, who took up the opportunity to study teaching with the assistance of the Jeffreys Bay Wind Farm's education bursary programme. The bursaries are education focused, designed to foster an interest in the teaching occupation whilst helping to address the national shortage of quality educational practitioners.



## SAFETY FIRST



Jeffreys Bay Wind Farm funded the manufacture and distribution of 5 000 face masks across 20 ECD centres and 14 local Primary Schools within the extended Jeffreys Bay communities. This included Pre-Grade R to Grade 4.

