



COMMUNITY CONNECT

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Welcome to our first community newsletter!

We're excited to bring you the very first edition of the Wind Garden Community Newsletter!

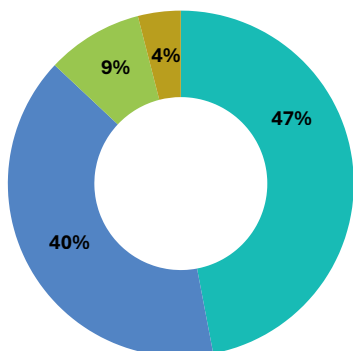
This is your space to stay connected and celebrate the great work happening in and around our Makhanda and Peddie-Pembroke communities.

Since construction of our power plant kicked off last year, we've proudly supported 19 local initiatives — from education and skills training to entrepreneurship and small business growth, and supplier development.

One of the standout moments of 2025 was our Logo Design Competition, where local learners helped shape our logo — a symbol that truly belongs to the community. In this issue, we shine a light on some of the inspiring projects supported between July and September 2025, showing how, together, we're helping to build stronger, more resilient communities.

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initiatives supported & nearly
half of our funding to date has
focused on education and
skills development.



Community spirit shines at Riebeek East soccer tournament

Passion, teamwork, and community pride were on display at the soccer tournament in Riebeek East. Wind Garden was proud to sponsor soccer kits, balls, and goalposts for the event, with the new kits awarded as prizes to the top two teams.

The top two teams scored the new kits as prizes! Congratulations to Riebeek City, our champions, and to Riebeek East Academy, who took a well-deserved second place.

Organised by the Makana Local Municipality, the event brought neighbours together to unite a community!





AV Bukani Primary School says 'Hooray for World Rhino Day'!

Inspiring conservation warriors!

Wind Garden was excited to be involved in the launch of *The Last Ranger* national film screenings, hosted by the Wildlife and Environmental Society of South Africa (WESSA) in partnership with Kindred Films.

The pilot screenings took place on World Rhino Day (22 September) and Heritage Day (24 September) at Addo Elephant National Park, drawing more than 200 learners, educators, and community leaders.

As part of WESSA's Eco-Schools Programme, the initiative aimed to spark conversation and action around rhino protection and biodiversity stewardship.

Through this partnership, Wind Garden helped amplify local voices in conservation and inspire young people to take pride in protecting South Africa's natural heritage.

Caption, right: Addo Primary School learning more about the importance of protecting rhino species.



PLC members strengthen leadership skills

Eight members of the Project Liaison Committee (PLC) for the Peddie-Pembroke Overhead Line Refurbishment Project have proudly completed a three-day accredited governance training programme — a key step in building strong local leadership.

The training focused on accountability, transparency, and good governance, empowering participants to represent their communities with confidence and integrity.

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Participants each received a NQF Level 5 accredited certificate, boosting confidence in their current roles and preparing them for future leadership opportunities.



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