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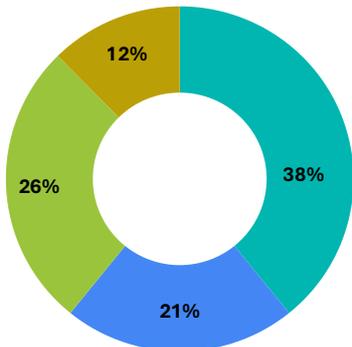
Investing in people, growing our community - Investment highlights 2025

In 2025, Wind Garden invested in community development initiatives across Makhanda and the Peddie-Pembroke area — with a strong focus on people, opportunity, and local growth. This investment supported skills development for 12 local learners and students, helped 11 small and micro enterprises strengthen their businesses, and supported three local suppliers to grow and become more sustainable.

Additional funding went towards community-focused initiatives, including support for local sporting events, nutritional assistance for senior learners attending academic incubation camps, and a rhino conservation programme that raised environmental awareness among 300 learners from rural schools.

CSI Spend: 2025 Financial Year

- Skills Development
- Supplier Development
- Enterprise Development
- SED



From our community to the world!

We are proud to support local entrepreneur Tumelo Tladi, owner of Bojanala Waitrons Connoisseurs, through our supplier development programme. His business is known for quality service, professionalism, and a commitment to developing young people in the hospitality sector.

With our support, Tumelo is expanding into new national and international markets and recently exhibited at the China International Import Expo (CIIE), creating valuable global connections. Alongside this growth, he is training two local young people in hospitality, contributing to skills development and future job creation.



South African & international delegates at a tourism promotion workshop which took place during the CIIE.



Jacinto General Trading

Prioritising SMME's along the Peddie-Pembroke Line

Wind Garden is excited to be supporting small businesses along the Peddie-Pembroke Overhead Line route, helping them grow and create more opportunities close to home.

Three local enterprises, Jacinto General Trading, Mbona Technologies, and Amarhudulu Trading CC, located in the Buffalo City Metropolitan area, received grant funding in 2025 to strengthen their operations and expand their customer base.

As they grow, so does the prospect of new jobs, stronger livelihoods, and upliftment for families across our community — and that's something we are proud to be part of.

"I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your assistance and support. I'm from one of the directly affected villages. NOA Group, you are the best of the best, thank you so much!"

– Akhona Magingxa, Jacinto General Trading

Supporting Students to Finish Strong

We were pleased to support 10 Rhodes University students by settling their outstanding tuition fees, easing financial pressure for six female and four male students as they completed their academic year.

By easing this burden, the students were able to focus on their studies to complete the 2025 academic year across a range of disciplines, including Social Science, Law, Pharmacy and Arts.

For many, this support meant the difference between uncertainty and the opportunity to move forward with confidence.

This bursary top-up, which is managed in partnership with StudyTrust, reflects Wind Garden's commitment to investing in education and supporting young people as they build their futures. With exciting plans underway, the Wind Garden Bursary Programme is set to expand in 2026 — watch this space!



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