



## MEET OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Cheryl Persensie joined our team during November 2021 and is passionate about the upliftment of the Kathu community. "I believe collaboration is key to addressing social issues and must be done in close consultation with communities, leading to better outcomes for a sustained future".



## BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAMME KICKED OFF ACROSS ECD CENTRES & SCHOOLS

Together with the Dept of Education and the Sishen Iron Ore Corporation-CDT, we handed over school uniforms, backpacks and shoes to hundreds of children from creche's through to high schools, in the communities of Babatas, Kathu, Kuruman and Sesheng: Kathu.

"We would like to extend our gratitude to the Kathu Solar Park for donating school bags to our little ones. It was a pleasant reminder for our children that they are transitioning to 'big school'. As parents, this eased our nerves for school, knowing that we had received support," said one of the parents from the Kathu community.



## HEY MATHS & SCIENCE FOR JOHN TAOLO GAETSEWE DISTRICT

A high-impact Maths and Science Programme has launched across 25 secondary and primary schools in the District, to help around 35 000 community learners improve in these essential school subjects.

Kathu Solar Park is funding these programmes, aligned to the Curriculum Assessment Policy Statements, and which include teacher training. Schools received 2 laptops and 2 projectors each, and learners will have access to the programme resources from their electronic devices.

The District Department of Education has highlighted that the alignment of this programme to the curriculum is expected to result in improved learning outcomes and increased participation in mathematics over the medium to long term, which is very encouraging.

The programme's impact will be monitored over the next year, and it is envisaged that it could possibly be expanded beyond the initial period.





## EXCITED ABOUT SCIENCE!

In another initiative, aimed at inspiring learners in this district to pursue careers in the fields of Science, Engineering, and Technology, we have launched the Stellenbosch University Science Technology in Electronics Programme (SUNSTEP), across 10 high schools, on 8 May 2023.

This provides Grade 9 learners with hands-on training, to enable them to build their own cellphone chargers using the electronic components provided and improve their understanding and performance in science.

- Funded by Kathu Solar Park.
- 350 learners and 24 educators will be impacted.
- This hands-on approach encourages learners to get excited about Science and Technology and the various STEM career opportunities.
- The Department of Education has welcomed the SUNSTEP as a way to assist in improving learning outcomes and increase participation in Science.



## SUCCESS FOR OUR BURSARY GRADUATES

We are excited to share the impact of our Bursary Programme on young people in the local community, with two 2022 beneficiaries celebrating new jobs!

**Neo Gift Maibiri** has secured a full-time teaching position at Dibeng Gamagara High School in Kathu, after graduating with a Bachelors in Education Management & Governance.

We know you will be an asset to the school and make a positive impact in the lives of the learners!

**Ruando Van Rooi** has been offered a role as an Academic Trainee at Milpark Education, where he completed his Accounting Degree. He made a positive impression as a student and it is believed that he will be an asset to the institution. He will transition to an Audit Trainee at PwC in January 2024.

Kathu Solar Park is looking forward to supporting 18 students as part of its 2023 bursary programme cohort!



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