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WEST COAST LEARNERS LEARN **FROM THE ENERGYDRIVE**

The custom-built EnergyDRIVE truck, completed the first half of its 3-week wind route journey across the country before heading to the West Coast.

Already having taught thousands of learners about the benefits and uses of renewable energy technologies along the way, this custom built vehicle will arrive on the West Coast to take part in the Atlantis Career Expo, on Friday 17th November. **This year's EnergyDRIVE road trip aims to reach out to over 2 500 rural students and get them involved in the potential for renewable power technologies in a rapidly changing world.**

A first of its kind in Africa, the initiative aims to raise awareness of renewable power resources and climate change. The EnergyDRIVE features a solar roof structure, biogas digester, photovoltaic panel display unit as well as a solar hot water display unit. The walls of the container are made up of a battery bank, photovoltaic components, a TV and display cupboards, making it an inspirational and experiential teaching aid.

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECT **CONTINUES TO IMPROVE LIVES**

The second phase of the Home Improvement Project, which commenced in January, is well underway with the following upgrades completed by the 3 local contractors during Quarter 3:

- Plumbing has been upgraded in 89 houses.
- Electrical upgrades have been done in 90 houses.
- Ceilings have been installed in 90 houses.

HONEY BEE FARMING AT **HOPEFIELD WIND FARM**

25 Bee Hives have been installed near Hopefield Wind Farm, on Umoya Energy's land this year. West Coast Honey plans to install a further 25 hives later in the year, doubling the total number of hives on our land. This local company aims to eventually have 100 hives installed.

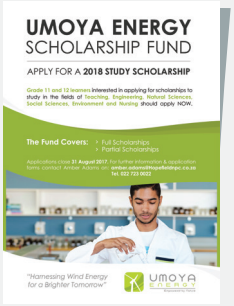
Nine Bee Colonies have already been established since the initial hives were installed, with nine hives currently occupied. The West Coast Honey Project assists with bee control in the vicinity of Hopefield Wind Farm and by providing hives for the establishment of bee colonies it is hoped that bees will be less likely to establish colonies in surrounding buildings.

VISIT TO **THE FACILITY**

The Wellington Campus of Cape Peninsula University of Technology visited Hopefield Wind Farm during August this year. We were pleased to host this group, who visited us as part of their annual West Coast Study Excursion for the final year Education students.

SCHOLARSHIP **PROGRAMME**

The Local Office received 15 Scholarship applications for the 2018 Academic year. These applications will be reviewed and a preliminary list of shortlisted applicants will be compiled for consideration. Successful applicants will be informed in November 2017.

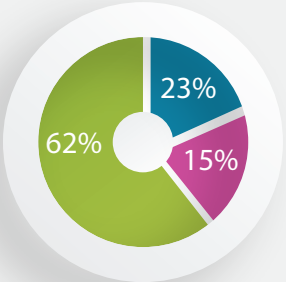


2017 UPCOMING **COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

- 23 November | Hopefield (Thusong Centre)

Q3 / 2017 - FUNDING SPENT **ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- Housing
- Enterprise Development
- Education



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