



BENEFITING THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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CELEBRATING LOCAL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN KIMBERLEY



It's wonderful to be able to begin the year on a positive note and to reaffirm our commitment to local communities.

The Solar Water Heating (SWH) Enterprise Development Programme focuses on the repair and replacement of defective solar heating systems. 20 unemployed young people were recruited from within the Kimberley area to attend a Bridging Course in preparation for technical skills and Enterprise Development training.

This programme provides access to hot water for low income households, creates jobs, stimulates the development of SMME's and increases access to the labour market for young men and women.

We promote access to the economy for local people by placing financial resources into our communities.



Winners from left to right :
1st place – Kgalalelo Seakeco
2nd place – Tumelo Balepile
3rd place – Tumelo Nai



SPELLING BEE TO HELP IMPROVE LITERACY LEVELS WHILST HAVING FUN

Our first regional Spelling Bee brought together some of the brightest learners from ten local schools to participate in this competition. The top three shortlisted 'spellers', drawn from ten primary schools across Riverton, Ritchie and Barkley West areas, participated in this event, with funding provided by Droogfontein Solar Power's literacy programme.

Spelling Bees provide a valuable educational experience and encourage healthy competition as well as being fun, improving grammar and boosting confidence.

"It is important that our learners have the opportunity to learn and compete in a supportive environment and gain skills such as improved memory and the art of presenting in public," said Mpho Makhetha, Plant Manager for Droogfontein Solar Power.



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SUPPORT FOR LOCAL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT



From left to right: Siyabulela Lena (New Tech), Mpho Makhetha (Droogfontein Solar Power) and Nico Siyabulela Africa (New Tech)

Droogfontein Solar Power handed over a vehicle to New Tech, a local 100% black-owned business, as part of its supplier development programme. We believe that this support will help boost and grow their business, whilst it enables our Enterprise Development programme to achieve its aims of accelerating sustainability of local businesses.

The 23-seater vehicle, valued at R541 450, is being used to transport employees to and from various sites and will allow them to expand their operation by securing additional business.

Our Enterprise Development programme accelerates sustainability of local businesses by ploughing resources into the local area.



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DROOGFONTEIN SOLAR TACKLE LEARNING

We were pleased to welcome representatives from the Department of Education (DoE) together with a group of reading coaches, to our plant.

Our Reading Coach Programme provides a much needed intervention to generate a love for reading amongst primary school children across schools in Riverton, Ritchie and Barkley West.

The focus is to improve literacy and numeracy levels of grades 1 to 3 learners by providing scheduled reading sessions in vernacular (isiXhosa and Afrikaans).

