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**Our Park Restoration Project
Morling Street**



MARCH 2024 - FEBRUARY 25

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dear Friends, Supporters, and Partners,

As we reflect on the past year, it is a great privilege to share some of our journey with you. The work of Love Howick is only made possible through your support, partnership and collaboration, and for this we are most grateful.

Love Howick continues to contribute meaningfully to social and environmental change and progress in the Umngeni region. In this report we will share statistics and metrics that highlight some of the work and achievements of the previous year. Yet behind each statistic is a life changed, a future reimagined, and a community uplifted. This is what drives our passion for lasting change in our community and in the lives of the people who live here.

As a board, we have focused on deepening our impact in a few key areas, whilst strengthening the financial position of the organisation. Like most organisations of our kind, meeting the myriad social and environmental needs, with limited resources, is an ongoing challenge. It is our ultimate objective to see lasting impact, progress and change, carried out through a sustainable vehicle. To this end, our efforts have centred around two key areas:

1. Re-organising and Capacity Building: Getting the right people, into the right places, doing the right things. This is an ongoing journey, but as a board we have, and will continue to, support the management of Love Howick in their efforts to streamline operational capabilities whilst positioning for greater impact.
2. Focus on Sustainable Impact: We have particularly focused on improving financial transparency and clarity, in order to improve decision-making and resource allocation within a sustainable financial framework. Additionally, we are encouraging the growth of the organisation, by focusing on the areas where we feel Love Howick can play a greater role in enabling meaningful change in our communities.

Ultimately, we can see the incredible work that Love Howick does, and the role that it has played, and continues to play, in the Umngeni story.

We believe that there is an exciting future for this part of our country, and that Love Howick has an important role to play in its growth and development.

This is especially the case if the growth and development of the area is to be inclusive, and



Justin Green, Board Chairman

for the benefit of all its people. To our staff, volunteers, donors, and community partners: thank you. Your unwavering support and tireless effort fuels our vision.

Your trust inspires our action, and your partnership makes the impossible, possible. We need your continued support, your voice, your advocacy, and your belief in our mission.

Together, we can face the complex challenges of our time with courage, innovation and compassion.

Yours in building a brighter future,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Green".

JUSTIN GREEN,



Our Entrepreneurship students alongside CEO Matt

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Dear Love Howick Supporters,

There is nothing like compassion to catalyse community building! Compassion ignites unity as we replace ignorance with understanding. It inspires individuals to reach out, offering help without judgement, and moves us to uphold the values of equality and shared humanity that connect us all. Through compassion, people discover shared strength, rebuilding not just structures but relationships. It nurtures hope, creating a foundation for collective action and resilience. Above all, compassion is the chief motivator for turning tragedy into transformative opportunity.

The 2024/25 year has been marked by compassion. As a community, we have faced our fair share of challenges—from natural disasters and political instability to the widening effects of unemployment and the quieter struggles of a mother striving to feed her family or a graduate enduring their twenty-third rejected job interview. Yet amid these trials, countless acts of compassion have rewritten narratives, proving that together, we can overcome anything.

We have witnessed how the Love Howick vision—to create a platform for partnership across

all sectors of society—has not only addressed pressing challenges but also fostered trust, unity, and collaboration. This Annual Report captures glimpses of that impact.

Through collaboration, we have:

- Empowered **over 2,000 students** in literacy, coding, entrepreneurship, environmental studies, and leadership, working alongside exceptional organisations.
- Launched waste bikes to boost efficiency in **recycling projects**.
- Transformed illegal dumping sites into vibrant parks and urban **vegetable gardens**.
- Supported **100+** training program graduates in securing **employment**.
- Mentored **400+ small-scale farmers** to tackle food security and unemployment.
- Strengthened public-private **partnerships** across our region.

Every page of this report celebrates compassion in action and extends an invitation to join this movement.

We are eager to continue working with socially conscious



Founder & CEO, Matt Hogarty

partners to revive public spaces, protect our environment, enhance education in partner schools, restore hope to unemployed graduates, attract growth-stimulating investment, and amplify messages of hope in a nation that needs it desperately.

The KZN Midlands is special because we care. Let us never lose this essence of our humanity—it may be our greatest weapon in building a better future.

Matt Hogarty



OUR MISSION VISION & VALUES

Love Howick exists to champion the **transformation** of our local community. Through strategic partnerships and co-ordinated social investment, we provide a platform that creates sustainable, long-term, and measurable change in our five key focus areas. Our dream is to see a connected, healthy and

prosperous people who are empowered in all areas of life.

Our vision is to build a platform for partnerships between key sectors of our local community so that our dream of a prosperous city can emerge and thrive.

Join our movement: Love Howick is a platform that

enables collaboration between all stakeholders in a community for the sake of sustainable social change. We align social investors, volunteers and philanthropists with key projects to ensure maximum impact and measurable results. We invite you to join the movement for positive change today!

Our values:

Integrity, excellence, and diversity guide our actions, while positivity and humility shape the foundation of our values.

TIMELINE OF THE 2024/25 YEAR

March

- Launched 'ZURI' (meaning 'beautiful' in Swahili), our exclusive clothing and homeware line. Each crafted item repurposes donated materials, supporting local artisans and funding our community projects.
- We held our Midlands Business Breakfast with guest speaker Naomi Holdt author and psychologist.



April

- We launched our Street Store Program aimed at helping the unemployed to access basic food, clothing, and toiletries supplies using a token system. Tokens are 'earned' by collecting recycling or volunteering with Love Howick and are redeemed at the shop or when applying for a training program.



May

- We held our community engagement workshop to co-create strategies for a better future. These 'Innovate Hubs' are a key part of our strategy to co-create community development strategies through various tools like Poverty Assessments, Asset Mapping, Group Think-Tanks and Action Plans. This way community members help to solve their own problems.



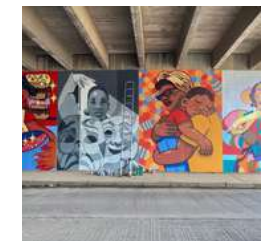
June

- We welcomed 20 new Youth Employment Service interns. This program helps to empower graduates to gain valuable work experience and improve employability.
- We launched our Baskets of Hope to supply our Street Store.
- Successfully completed our Barista Program in partnership with various local coffee brands.



July

- Launched Midlands Magic Storybook Tour, an interactive art trail funded by Lottoland to beautify our region and tell our community's stories.
- We held our EduSeminars to upskill teachers and improve the quality of learning.
- Renovated public toilets at local tourism hotspots.



August

- Love Howick supported the Gravel bike race organised as a fundraiser for community projects, encouraging outdoor activity and community participation.
- Work commenced on the CBD Paving Project to rehabilitate the Howick CBD.
- Launched projects like Love Howick in Eastern & Western Cape



September

- Disaster Relief: Following the snowstorm, we distributed 1,426 non-perishable food items to vulnerable community members across the uMngeni Local Municipality.
- We've also celebrated our 8th birthday with a community fun run attended by Mayor & Deputy Mayor



October

- Agriculture Accelerator Program in partnership with FNB to equip local small-scale farmers and provide business support.
- Illegal dumpsite in town converted to a beautiful park with a safe playground area.
- Red Sock Friday awareness campaign was launched.



November

- We're working alongside principals to support and strengthen their leadership development, guided by Citizen Leader Lab, who are a leading voice in leadership development across our country.
- Provided mental health workshops in various communities to reduce stigmas and open up dialogue.



December

- Buckets of Hope - Christmas Food Hamper distribution to elderly in Mpophomeni in partnership with Linc Foundation.
- Hosted EduProject awards to honour the efforts of teachers in our program and celebrate the 23% improvement in literacy levels across all our schools.



January

- Santa Schoolbox delivery of donated stationery items collected over the Christmas season.
- Local library revamp commenced with our team of volunteers.
- Landscaping, brush cutting and beautification projects launched through our 'Renoverge' program.



February

- Cleanup campaigns launched in all wards, improving our war against waste.
- Hosted the Love Cities Conference to showcase the successes achieved through the Love Howick model.
- Waste bikes and trailers take to the streets to improve waste collection.





STREET STORE



BACKGROUND

Our Street Store is an innovative 'swop shop' where those in need can exchange recyclable waste or volunteer time for tokens. These tokens are used to access food, clothing, hygiene products, baby products, and essentials, promoting dignity and sustainability.

331

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Households we supported
monthly with basic essentials
through our Street Store





199



Neighbours received counselling and trauma support

50



Mothers participated in our Child Well-Being Program

1,962



Food hampers, clothing, and toiletry packs distributed



BASKETS OF HOPE LAUNCH

Love Howick proudly launched the Basket of Hope Drive. Together, we're making a positive impact on the lives of our vulnerable neighbours. Basket points: Greendale Spar, Hilton Quarry Spar, Checkers, and Love Howick Offices; 19 Morling Street Howick.



DREAM CENTRE



BACKGROUND

Our Dream Centre empowers unemployed individuals through professional skills training, mentorship, and practical experience. Our courses—including Work Ready, Computer Literacy, Hospitality, Baking, Beauty, Agriculture, First Aid, Graphic Design, Barista, Sewing, Retail, and Micro Business—combine theory with hands-on learning. Supported by counselling, a job centre, and volunteer initiatives, we bridge the gap between education and employment.

50,692



Hours of real-world experience
gained through workplace practicals

28,844



Community service hours served
by Work Ready Students

20



Work Ready Lite programs
facilitated in local organisations
to improve skills and productivity

515



Students trained through our
Skills Development Centre



Instagram



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Howick, KZN



5,256 Likes



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#Partnership #LoveCities #togetherfortransformation



EDUPROJECT



BACKGROUND

Our EduProject empowers teachers and learners through targeted training in Foundational Literacy (Grades 1–3), Coding (Grade 6), Entrepreneurship (Grade 7), and Environmental Education (Eco Clubs, Grades 4–7). Using innovative curricula, resource support, and leadership development, we foster essential skills—from reading and problem-solving to sustainability and financial literacy. Through assessments, real-world application, and long-term tracking, we prepare young minds for a dynamic future.



64



Teachers trained, resourced and supported by EduProject

2,216



Learners impacted weekly by our Edu-work in Literacy, Coding, Entrepreneurship, and Eco Clubs



128



Hours of Principal Leadership
Development

10,290



Foundation Literacy Student
Reach

5,098



Entrepreneurship Student
Reach

600



Environmental Education
Student Reach

5,914



Coding Student Reach

EDUSEMINAR

The Love Howick EduSeminar was designed to equip our vital 'change makers' (principals and educators) with insights and tools to thrive. The day featured inspiring workshops from Laura Viljoen on literacy foundations, Damon Shaw on classroom discipline, and Doni Hogarty on educator emotional health. Principals also enjoyed a dedicated session with Matt Hogarty on leadership.

We extend our gratitude to our hosts, Wendy Dladla and Nqobile Zuma, and to all our speakers for helping to inspire greatness in our community's educators.



ONE YEAR SCHOOL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Education is key to changing a nation, and so we are delighted to be investing this year in working alongside principals in our area to support and strengthen their leadership development, while journeying with them to find sustainable solutions to the problems they face on a daily basis. This program is guided by **Citizen Leader Lab** who are a leading voice in leadership development across our country.



ARBOR WEEK

The Love Howick EduProject team had the privilege of celebrating Arbor Week in a big way with four Mpophomeni schools. It wasn't just about planting trees! Our team also gave lessons on the importance of trees, explaining the benefits of the specific kinds planted and encouraging the little ones to take good care of them. The excitement was contagious, with the students so overjoyed that they even named the trees!

A huge thank you to our dedicated EduProject team, who made this week so special. Their commitment to environmental education and community upliftment is truly making a difference.





PLACE DEVELOPMENT



BACKGROUND

Our Place Development initiatives are transforming our town through collaborative, sustainable projects that enhance infrastructure, environmental management, and community spaces. The **Renoverge Project** revitalises Howick’s Central Business District, entrances, and Main Road by cleaning verges and repairing infrastructure. Our **Environmental & Waste Management Program** reduces waste through recycling, composting, and education. **Infrastructure Maintenance** ensures safe, functional roads, pavements, and public facilities, working alongside uMngeni Municipality to address potholes, signage, and anti-dumping measures. The **Public Parks Project** creates green spaces that boost health, social cohesion, and biodiversity, while deterring crime and uplifting local economies. Together, these efforts reflect our vision for a cleaner, greener, and more vibrant Howick—where community partnership drives lasting change.



476,309m²



Areas Brush-Cut

47,289m²



Gardens Cleared and Landscaped



926 m²



Paving Installed to Improve Urban Spaces

2,557



Alien Invasive Plants Removed

23

Agriculture Projects Launched

65,777kg

Waste Recycled



ARBOR DAY





NEW PARK INSTALLATION AND CBD BEAUTIFICATION





HOWICK FALLS REVAMP



SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT



BACKGROUND

Love Howick’s Social Development work begins with accurately identifying need through the **Greenlight Tool**, which empowers communities to measure 50 key poverty indicators and leverage their own assets to create self-reliant solutions. This foundational data informs our targeted interventions, including **life skills training** that addresses the root causes of challenges like gender-based violence, substance abuse, and financial illiteracy, while our essential services provide immediate, dignified support. Initiatives like our community-supplied **Street Store**, **Mobile Feeding Trucks**, and **seasonal drives** ensure the most vulnerable can meet their basic needs, creating a holistic model that combines urgent relief with sustainable, community-led change for a brighter future.

PROJECT GREENLIGHT

The Greenlight Movement is a key part of our Social Development strategy to reduce poverty and empower families to build an empowered future. This program empowers families to measure their own poverty across key dimensions—such as food, housing, education, and emotional well-being—giving them a voice in identifying real needs. It shifts poverty interventions from handouts to dignity-based, participatory solutions, where families co-create pathways out of poverty. By tracking progress over time, it provides both households and organisations with measurable, transformative outcomes that build hope, agency, and long-term sustainability.



We have enough income	We have access to water	We can access credit	We have savings	We have ID documents	We have drinking water	A health care centre is nearby	We have good nutrition	We have good hygiene	We get treated for illness
We are educated	We manage our small health	We are active parents	We manage our small responsibly	We live in an organised environment	We do not abuse alcohol or drugs	We have legal property rights	We have a safe farm structure	We have a modern toilet	We have cleanable electricity
We have a big and safe foundation	There are separate latrines	We have a clean and kitchen area	We have enough furniture and crockery	We have good regular transportation	Distance and time to work is reasonable	We live in a safe neighbourhood	We have enough clothing	We know how to read and write in English	Our children go to school
Our children are getting quality education	Our children have supplies and transport for school	We know how to earn money	We have a budget	We have social networks and friends	We have access to information	We relax and enjoy entertainment	We value our culture with consideration	We respect differences in other people	We respect human rights
We have clean and safe water	We solve our own problems	We work in markets	We have goals and a family plan	We are confident and trust in ourselves	We are saving and saving money	We control our emotions and respect others	We live our appearance and appreciate beauty	We don't have violence in our family	We have empowered girls, and girls go to school



MANDELA DAY

Love Howick was proud to support the Lions River community. From our dedicated team and tireless volunteers to our incredible donors, we are deeply grateful. It is because of you that we made such a positive impact. One of our key projects was a community clean-up, where everyone worked tirelessly on brush-cutting, clearing drains, and planting trees to transform the area. Special thanks go to Nkosi Nursery and Plan and Plants for their generous donation of beautiful plants, uMngeni Local Municipality for their invaluable assistance with equipment, and Global Disaster Relief Foundation for providing refreshments and donating vegetables to Nogqaza Primary School.



MANDELA DAY





ZURI

Love Howick launches the 'Zuri Product Range' at local markets – upcycled fashion and decor made by Love Howick students to stimulate youth enterprise development



SANTA SCHOOLBOX PROJECT

Education is a powerful tool for breaking the cycle of poverty. Our EduTeam are making great strides to improve the quality of teaching and learning in our partner schools.



Our Santa Schoolbox Project collects stationery donations to provide under-resourced schools with the supplies they need to support their students and to ensure that every child has the tools they need to succeed in their education.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



BACKGROUND

Our Economic Development drives sustainable growth through five key initiatives. The **Midlands Business and NGO Network** strengthens local supply chains and fosters collaboration between businesses and nonprofits. Through **Catalytic Tourism Projects**, we spotlight the Midlands' beauty with initiatives like the Midlands Magic series and Howick Falls Precinct revitalisation. Our **Entrepreneurship Development Program** equips aspiring business owners with mentorship and funding opportunities. Lastly, the **Agriculture Accelerator & Urban Vegetable Garden** empowers small-scale farmers and combats food insecurity. Together, these efforts create jobs, boost tourism, and build a resilient local economy.



474

Enrolled in our Agriculture Accelerator Program



400k

Invested in Boomtown Outdoor Art Gallery to promote tourism

27

New Businesses Launched through the Entrepreneurship School

WATCH HERE



"I was unemployed, my life was hard, I couldn't provide for my family..."

"Everything has changed..."

The course teaches you not just about yourself, but about life..."

"Giving up is never an option..."

116



Graduates started employment or
internships through our Job
Centre

236k



Invested in CBD
Infrastructure Upgrades



ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLASS OF 2024

Through our comprehensive Entrepreneurship Development Program, which includes immersive bootcamps, a three-month mentorship scheme, and a culminating 'Sharks Den' pitch night, we equip aspiring entrepreneurs with the essential skills, networks, and access to capital they need to succeed. By fostering innovation and supporting local business ventures, we aim to create jobs, stimulate economic growth, and build a more prosperous future for Howick.



MIDLANDS BUSINESS & NGO BREAKFAST

Love Howick hosted an inspiring business breakfast, bringing together the local community for a morning of powerful insights. The event featured the esteemed Naomi Holdt—psychologist, acclaimed author, and speaker. With 20 years of expertise in education, psychology, and psychotherapy, and holding an MA in Educational Psychology (Cum Laude), Naomi shared her profound wisdom on the theme of "Resilience in the Workplace". Attendees gained invaluable strategies to build strength, adaptability, and well-being within their teams and organisations.



MIDLANDS BUSINESS & NGO NETWORKING NIGHT

Con and Mark Malherbe from Coffeeberry (PMB and Hilton) shared strategies on how to thrive in the long run in today's business world while guests supported our work and enjoyed a delicious meal and drinks. This valuable business networking opportunity seeks to enhance collaboration within various industries and inspire our business community to build a thriving economy.



STORY OF COURAGE

We are inspired by stories of resilience and determination, and Nonhlanhla's journey is a shining example. Through our Environment Project, she not only contributed to meaningful ecological work but also earned a stipend from the Social Employment Fund (SEF), gaining valuable skills and experience along the way.

Driven by ambition, Nonhanhla then enrolled in our Entrepreneurship Development Program, where she honed her business acumen and developed a clear vision for her future. She further strengthened her skills by attending our intensive two-day Business Bootcamp, equipping herself with the tools needed to succeed.

Today, Nonhanhla is the proud owner of her own business, selling beautiful hair accessories and more. Her story is a testament to the power of hard work, resourcefulness, and the courage to follow one's dreams—no matter the starting point.

To learn more about our Entrepreneurship Development Program, [click here](#).



CROP PRODUCTION TRAINING WITH FNB

Love Howick and Love Bergville—with the generous support of FNB—hosted empowering agricultural training for 40 small-scale farmers across both communities. Guided by AgriSETA-accredited facilitator Miss Nontokozo Mdletshe, farmers gained hands-on skills in sustainable seedling production, Tower Garden systems, and climate-resilient farming.

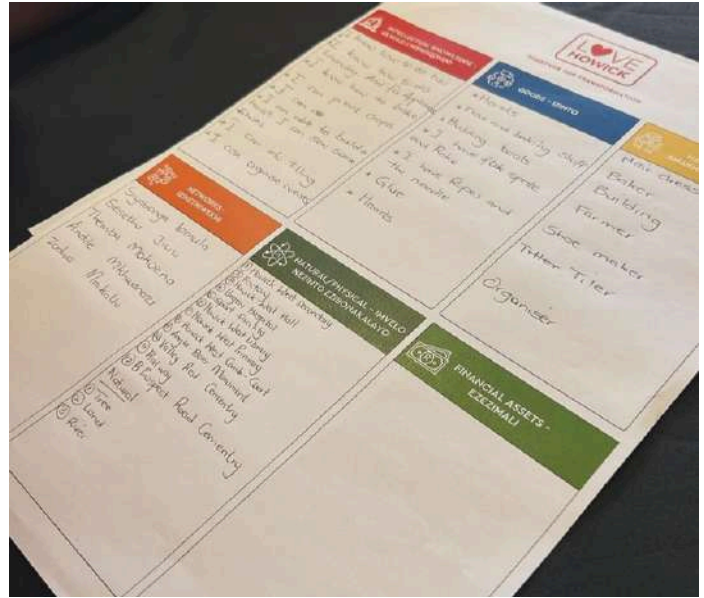
Key Highlights: 40 farmers trained, practical lessons in pest management, water conservation & organic farming, business skills to turn harvests into livelihoods, and climate-smart techniques for a greener future

Farmers left inspired, equipped, and ready to grow—not just crops, but opportunities.



COMMUNITY INNOVATE HUBS

Community Innovate Hubs are creative spaces where people living in poverty learn, connect, and build real solutions together. Through skills training, mentorship, and collaboration, participants shift mindsets, grow confidence, and develop businesses or community projects. These hubs spark dignity, innovation, and opportunity—empowering people to create a better future for themselves and their families.



LOTTOLAND HELP 'N DORP

On 1 November we launched the massive Outdoor Street Art Gallery, with routes from Hilton – Mpophomeni – Merrivale – Howick – Lions River – Balgowan and Nottingham Road. Featuring murals and street art that highlight local heritage and contemporary issues. This outdoor art gallery not only beautifies public spaces but also attracts tourists, stimulates economic growth, and fosters community pride.



ANNUAL DINNER

It was a truly wonderful evening celebrating the remarkable progress our community has made this year. We are endlessly grateful to our dedicated volunteers, generous supporters, and passionate partners. The evening was a perfect reflection of the spirit that makes Howick so special—one of collaboration, kindness, and shared purpose.



GO GRAVEL

Love Howick team serving at community events - Go Gravel Cycling Race to help support events that drive economic growth. Hosted annually at Karkloof Country Club near Howick, this event invites cyclists of all levels to ride through the beautiful farmlands and forests of KwaZulu-Natal, all on smooth and scenic gravel roads without tricky singletracks. Attracting hundreds of elite cyclists and enthusiastic amateurs from across the country for a competitive and festive atmosphere.





DISASTER RELIEF

Photo: X/TrafficSA



BACKGROUND

Love Howick serves as a critical lifeline for the community in times of crisis. Specialising in disaster relief, we mobilise quickly to provide essential aid, support, and resources to neighbours affected by emergencies, from devastating storms and floods to unforeseen local tragedies.



SEPTEMBER SNOWSTORM

In a powerful display of community solidarity, Love Howick successfully distributed 1,426 donated non-perishable items to neighbours hardest hit by the snowstorm. Operating in coordination with the uMngeni Municipality Disaster Relief Unit, ensuring essential food supplies reached those in dire need. Reaching the areas of Shiyas, KwaHaza, Mpophomeni, Lidgetton, and Howick. Key recipients included families in the Shiyabazali Informal Settlement through Freedom and One Life Church, the elderly at the Sizakancane Senior Citizens Centre, and over 60 pregnant women supported by the Ethembeni Tribe of Hope. The Love Howick Street Store used the donations to aid over 40 families, while a single family in KwaHaza, who lost their home and belongings, received critical support to help them begin rebuilding.



VOLUNTEERS



BACKGROUND

Love Howick offers numerous ways for the community to get involved. To get started, neighbours can join our Weekly Volunteer Thursdays (9-11 AM). Options include sorting clothes or packing food parcels, reading to kids at under-resourced schools, cleaning/gardening/repairing at community spaces, helping source donations of baby equipment/food/clothes/hygiene packs, facilitating at our Dream Centre, or assisting at events.



VOLUNTEER: CHARMAINE

"I volunteer because it gives me a chance to help underprivileged people in the community through an established and well-organised organisation.

What inspires me most is supporting training and employment opportunities for those who need them.

To anyone considering volunteering, if you have spare time and the ability, I'd encourage you to donate some of it to lifting up those in need."

VOLUNTEER: AMAHLE

"I volunteer with Love Howick because I have seen the real impact they have on people's lives. They help individuals grow, especially students, by guiding them forward to reach their full potential. Love Howick also plays a big role in keeping our community clean and creating a better environment for everyone. I wanted to be part of that change and contribute to the amazing work they're doing.

I have witnessed many positive changes; for example, people in need receive food and clothing through a token system that rewards those who collect recyclable materials. This not only helps individuals but also improves cleanliness in the community. Love Howick also offers short courses at the Dream Centre, which equip people with practical skills.

To anyone thinking about volunteering: take that first step. Volunteering helps you grow in so many ways; you gain valuable experience, improve your skills (like time management)—and most of all, it feels good to know you are part of something bigger, helping your community and being one of the changemakers."





PARTNERSHIPS

A YEAR IN REVIEW:

Partnerships: The Key to Driving Sustainable Community Development

Love Howick extends a heartfelt 'thank you' to all businesses who have embraced collaboration for long-term impact this year.

In today's world of rising poverty, food insecurity, and inequality, no single organisation can solve the challenges facing communities. Real transformation requires collaboration—and that is exactly what Love Howick NPC is proving through its innovative partnership-based model of community development.

At the heart of Love Howick's work is a belief in restoring dignity, agency, and opportunity to individuals and families living in poverty. From the Street Store and BabyTown initiative, where families "earn" tokens through recycling or volunteering, to entrepreneurship hubs and skills training, the organisation is building a pathway out of poverty that is sustainable, dignified, and inclusive. Protecting our environment and enhancing service delivery are a team effort, and the partnerships formed in the environment, waste and infrastructure development space are ensuring that we see the progress we all desire.

This impact is only possible through partnerships—with local businesses, donors, government stakeholders, and community members themselves. Businesses that join hands with Love Howick do more than provide resources; they unlock shared value.

By contributing goods, expertise, or funding, companies not only help meet urgent community needs but also:

- Strengthen their B-BBEE scorecards through measurable socio-economic development.
- Build brand loyalty and reputation as purpose-driven leaders.
- Cultivate a future workforce by investing in skills development, training, and entrepreneurship pipelines.
- Drive social cohesion, ensuring safer, more resilient communities where businesses and people can thrive.

"Our model shows that when businesses, NGOs, and communities stand together, we move beyond handouts into true empowerment," Director at Love Howick. "Partnerships are not charity—they are an investment into a stronger, more inclusive future for South Africa."

As South Africa continues to face pressing challenges of unemployment and inequality, Love Howick is calling on businesses nationwide to be part of a collective solution. By supporting partnership-based community development, companies play a vital role in rewriting the story of poverty—turning despair into hope and dependency into opportunity.

"ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE, TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH" - HELEN KELLER



OUR TOP 2024 DONORS



Midlands
Community
College



HARVARD
HOUSE



- Mergon Foundation
- uMngeni Municipality
- FNB Howick
- TWK Agri
- Fairfield Dairy
- Fairfield Farm
- Harvard House
- Greendale SuperSpar
- Hilton Quarry SuperSpar
- Midlands Safety and Hygiene
- HHG Falls Prescient
- Howick Community Church
- Midlands Community College
- Upper uMngeni Prestbury Church
- Oasis Church
- The Greater Ambers Estates
- Merrivale SuperSpar
- Hilton College
- Nation Builder
- All the valued anonymous donors



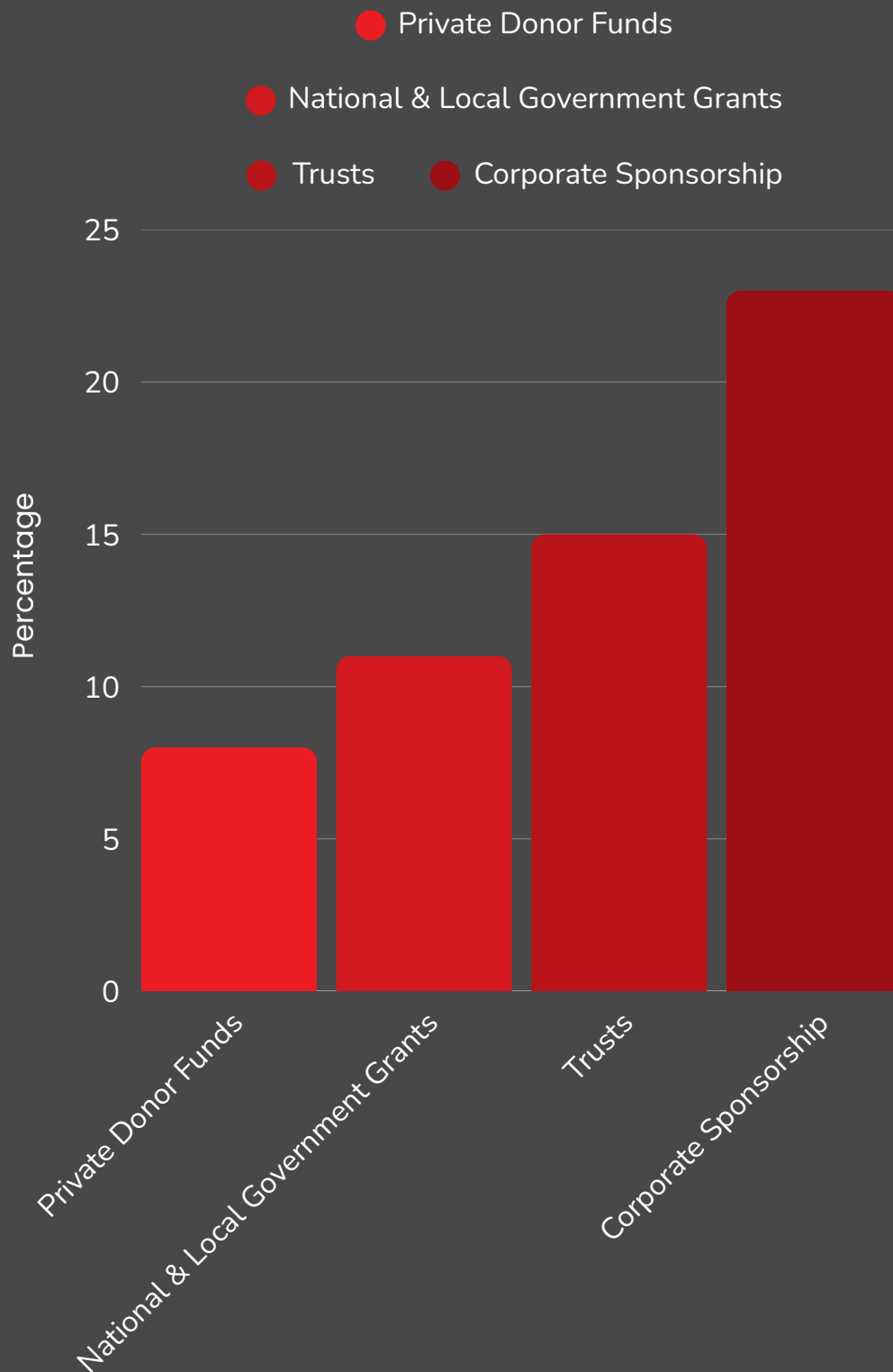
OUR IMPACT PARTNERS:

- Fairfield Dairy
- Fairfield Farm
- uMngeni Municipality
- SOS Contractors
- Harvard House
- Spar Group Midlands
- Nedbank
- Build-It
- Social Employment Fund (SEF)
- Wedgewood
- Amberglades
- Greater Ambers
- Halfway Toyota
- Basil Budke Family Trust
- Wildtrust
- Howick Community Church
- Upper uMngeni Prestbury Church
- Mergon Foundation
- Nashua Midlands
- Nation Builder
- Hilton College
- Pick Your Playground
- Mills-Fitchett
- Midlands Ladies Circle
- Many local citizens, schools, organisations
- All the valued anonymous local heroes who gave monthly



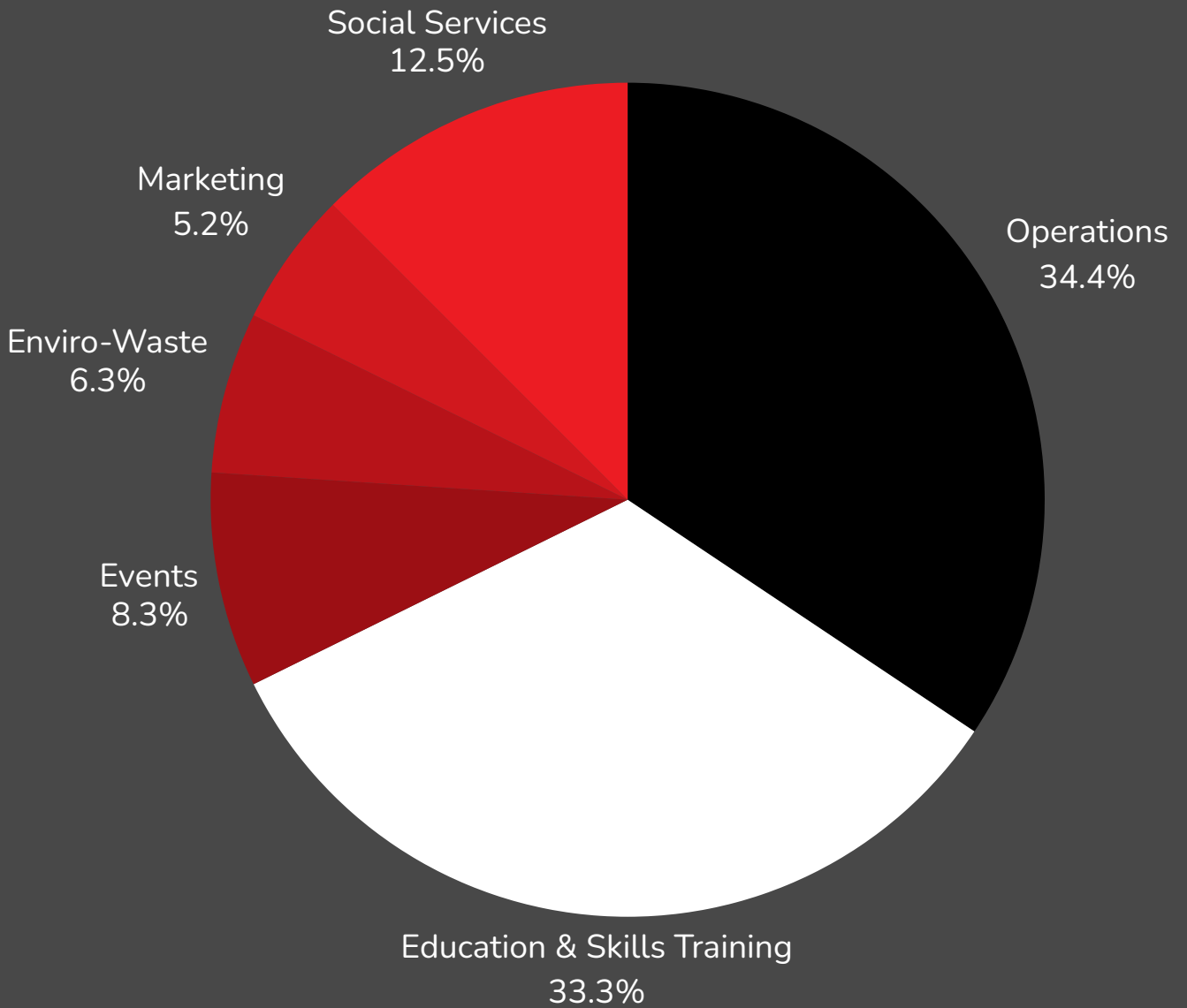
FINANCES

TOTAL INCOME: R3,5M



FINANCES

TOTAL EXPENDITURE: R3,3M



AUDITED Financial Statements

The complete audited financial statements for the fiscal year March 2024 - February 2025 are available upon request. To receive a copy, please email barbara@lovehowick.org.za.



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Meet our dedicated 2024 team of professionals who have contributed their expertise, passion, and collaboration to drive our success.

OUR BOARD

At Love Howick NPC, strong governance and strategic leadership are at the heart of our mission.

Our board comprises four passionate individuals whose diverse expertise ensures transparent, ethical, and effective stewardship of the organisation.

Justin Green, based in the KZN Midlands, brings a wealth of experience in education and economic development. A former teacher with an MBA from the University of Cape Town, Justin co-founded an enterprise development organisation and champions sustainable transformation through access to education and economic opportunities.



Justin Green

Simphiwe Radebe, a skilled community activist with six years of experience, specialises in Asset-Based Community Development, trauma debriefing, and grassroots transformation. Her innovative approaches to sustainable development make her an invaluable voice in community empowerment.



Simphiwe Radebe

Janine Ward, a qualified social worker with 37 years of experience, has dedicated her career to participatory capacity building, enterprise development, and HIV/AIDS education. Her 12 years of independent work in rural Eswatini, where she established an NGO, underscores her commitment to sustainable community programmes.



Janine Ward

Matt Hogarty, entrepreneur and founder of Love Howick NPC, combines business acumen with a deep passion for social impact. A former school principal with B.Comm qualifications in management, economics, and education, Matt drives our vision for positive change in Howick and beyond.



Matt Hogarty

Together, our board ensures robust oversight, strategic direction, and unwavering accountability—guiding Love Howick NPC towards meaningful, lasting impact.



GET INVOLVED

PARTNER

Become an official 100 CLUB MEMBER - Donate R100 per month
Payment Reference:
'Your name' + 100Club

SPONSOR

Sponsor one person through our growers program or a student for only R850.

DONATE

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VOLUNTEER

- Help at our monthly Thrift Market
- Monthly handyman services for our facilities
- Knit scarves and collect blankets for winter
- Join our monthly garden day at Park, Falls, CBD
- Help source donations for the poor and vulnerable
- Join our Reading Buddies to read to students in schools

BANK DETAILS

Love Howick NPC
Account no: 627 747 27 039
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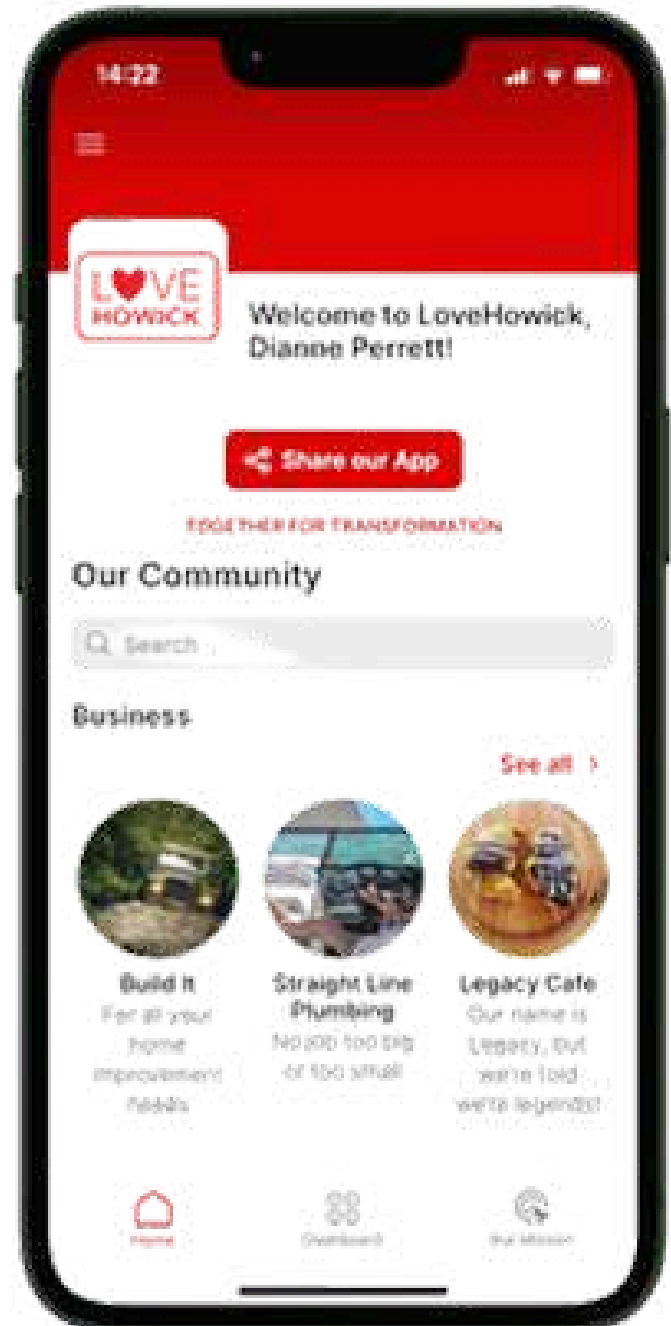




LOOKING FORWARD

OUR NEW PROJECTS

Love Howick Mobile App



- Business listings
- Community calendar
- Volunteer sign-ups
- Community news
- Public announcements

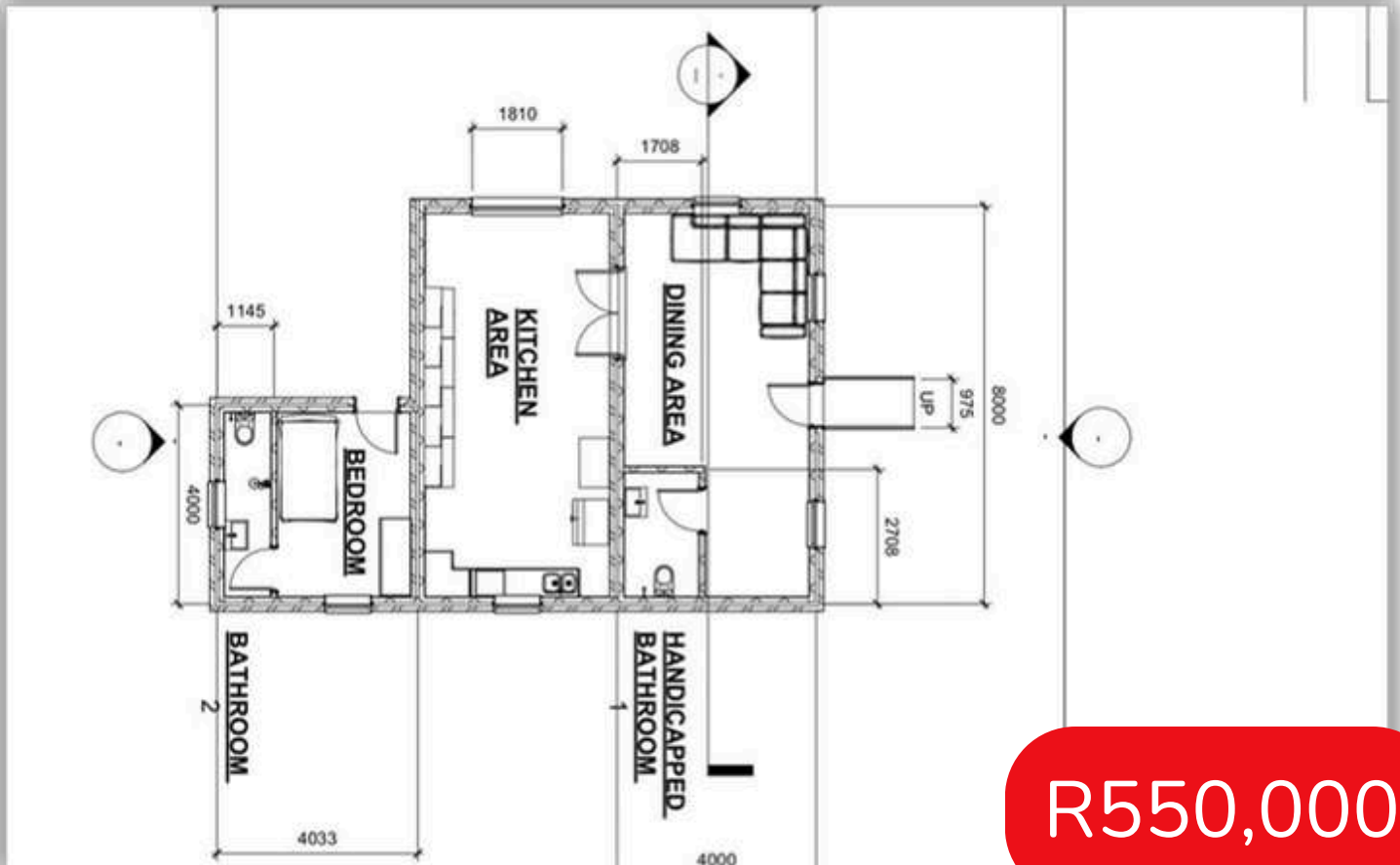
New E-Learning Platform

- Online skills training
- Learn at your own pace
- Flexible scheduling
- Interactive and engaging content
- Easy access nationally and internationally



Complete Lidgetton Senior Centre

Email matt@lovehowick.org.za

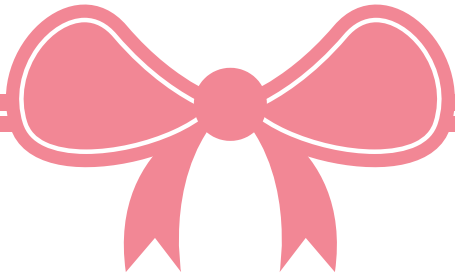


R550,000

New Waste Centre & Bikes



New Baby Town Shop

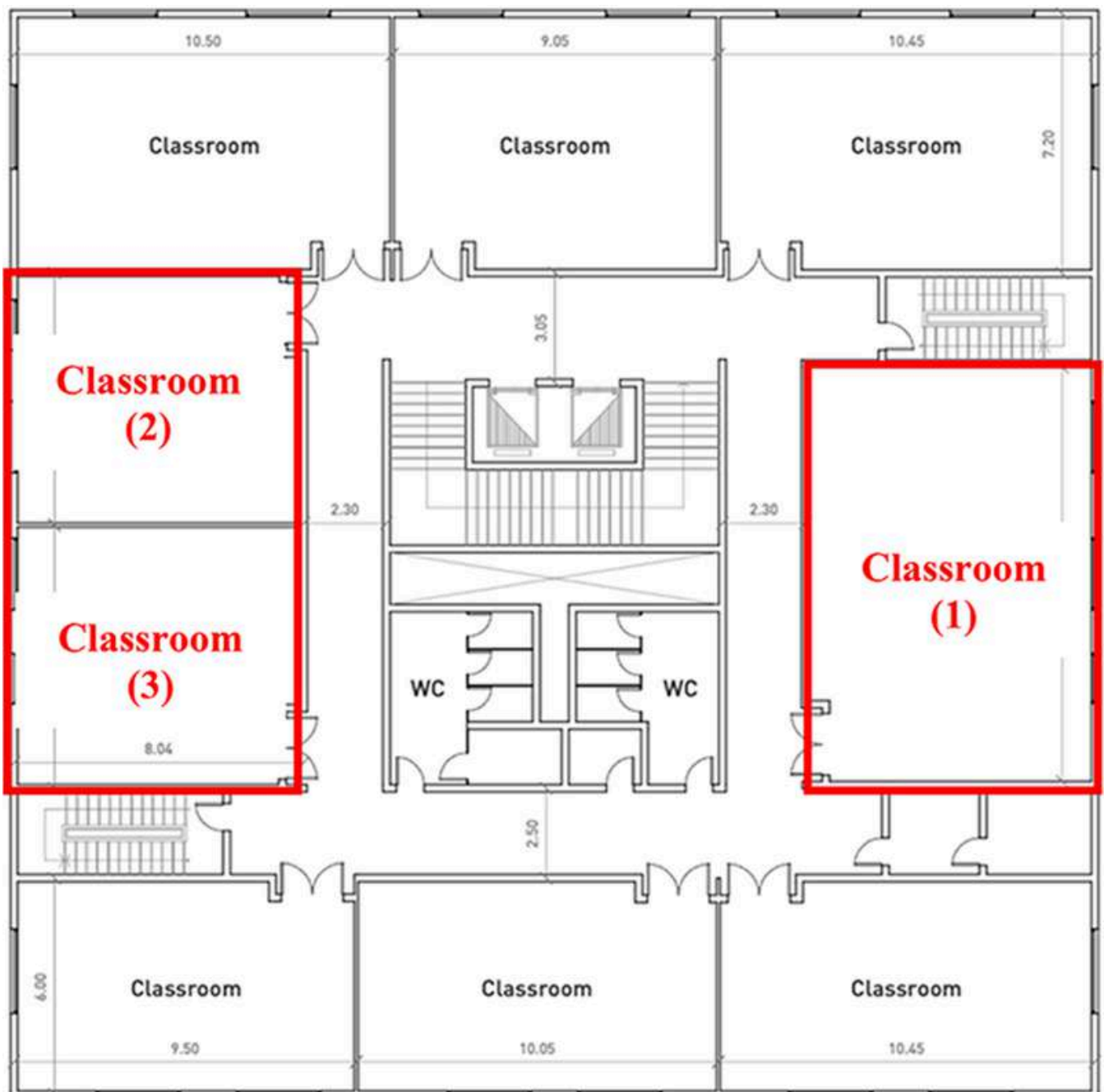


Preloved Baby & Toddler Shop
Affordability for the Public
Supporting the Local Economy
Convenience & Variety
Community Building
Access to essential items for moms in need



New Love Howick Training Campus

Building Fund launch 2025/26
Innovative skills training centre



ENDORSEMENT: CORPORATE PARTNER

Fairfield Dairy

At Fairfield Dairy, we believe that businesses have a vital role to play in developing the communities in which they operate. Strengthening the local economy, creating job opportunities, and fostering long-term trust with residents are not just beneficial—they are essential for sustainable growth. **We see it as both our responsibility and our privilege to give back to the community that has supported us over the years.**

Our vision is rooted in nurturing sustainable growth by empowering our employees and enriching the lives of those in our community. Through education, skills development, and strategic partnerships, we strive to **create meaningful opportunities that uplift individuals** and contribute to the broader prosperity of Howick and its surrounding areas.

Partnership with Love Howick

Our collaboration with **Love Howick has been a source of immense pride.** Over the years, we have witnessed tangible, positive change driven by their initiatives. The Dream Centre, for instance, has equipped local individuals with valuable skills, enhancing their employability and income-generating potential. Additionally, Love Howick's teams have revitalised public spaces, contributing to the beautification of Howick while simultaneously developing their own professional capabilities.

The passion and dedication of the Love Howick team, combined with their strong partnerships with local government, have made a lasting impact on our community. Their work aligns seamlessly with our values of **Integrity, Respect, Service, Passion, Loyalty, and Focus**, reinforcing the importance of collective effort in driving meaningful progress.

As we continue to grow, so too does our commitment to giving back. Whether through distributing dairy products to local charities, supporting education via bursaries, or investing in sustainable initiatives like solar power, Fairfield Dairy remains dedicated to making a difference. **We are proud to stand alongside organisations like Love Howick, working together to build a thriving, resilient community.**



ENDORSEMENT: LOCAL GOVERNMENT



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RE: LOVE CITIES ENDORSEMENT

To whom it may concern,

As the Mayor of uMngeni Municipality, it is my honour to extend our wholehearted endorsement of the Love Cities programme, an initiative with a vision to foster sustainable community development and social transformation. Our municipality's official partnership with Love Cities reflects our joint commitment to creating thriving, inclusive communities where every individual has the chance to prosper and contribute to our collective wellbeing.

The mission of Love Cities to catalyse a movement of Nation-builders and support the creation of impactful non-profit organisations aligns seamlessly with our ambitions for economic growth, skills development, environmental stewardship, and social enhancement within the uMngeni Municipality. The programme's focus on collaboration across all sectors of society is a testament to its all-encompassing approach to tackling the complex challenges our communities face.

The proven model of sustainable development promoted by Love Cities, built upon the remarkable six-year success of Love Howick NPC, provides a blueprint for positive change that is both inspiring and attainable. We have been particularly impressed by the tangible results achieved in Howick, where initiatives in skills development, economic growth, and social enhancement have made a significant impact on the lives of its residents.

In partnering with Love Cities, the uMngeni Municipality is enthusiastic about the opportunities this collaboration presents to empower our citizens, rejuvenate our neighbourhoods, and forge a path of hope and prosperity for future generations. We are committed to working alongside Matt Hogarty and the Love Cities team to implement transformative programmes that will 'love our cities back to life.'

I wholeheartedly recommend Love Cities to any community looking to embark on a journey of sustainable development and social transformation. Together, we can realise the dream of thriving communities that are safe, prosperous, and filled with hope for all.

Kind regards,

Clr. C. PAPPAS
MAYOR

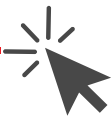
FUN MOMENTS

One of Love Howick's key priorities is 'building a unified community'. This often doesn't happen in boardrooms, council chambers or within the confines of formal channels. Connection, community and strong bonds are often the result of having fun together.

This past year we have prioritised fun – creating moments for meaningful connection and shared experiences.



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