NEWSLETTER
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WHAT DO WE DO?
Love Howick's strategy for community transformation

I am often asked, 'What is it that Love Howick actually does?' We attempt to answer this question over the next few months - with each Newsletter focused on one of our key pillars: ***Place Development, Social Development, Skills Development, Economic Development and Narrative Development.*** Our next key pillar is

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

From cradle to career, Love Howick has a dream of adding value all along the developmental journey of people. **Education** in schools lays the foundation for lifelong learning, equipping students with essential knowledge and critical thinking skills. Complementing this, **Skills Developmen**t programs for unemployed individuals provide targeted training that enhances employability and addresses local labor market needs. Together, these initiatives foster a skilled workforce, reduce unemployment, and stimulate economic growth.

By investing in education and skills development, we believe communities can break the cycle of poverty, enhance individual potential, and create a more resilient and prosperous society for all. To make this dream a reality, we have launched the following key projects:

EDUPROJECT: Our EduTeam are hard at work in **4 Schools in Mpophomeni**, providing focused training for teachers in Foundational Literacy, Entrepreneurship, IT and Coding, Environmental Studies. With cutting-edge curriculum, resource support and a robust leadership development program for Principals, this initiative is seeing amazing results.

DREAM CENTRE: This Centre houses our professional skills courses, including **Work Readiness, Computer Literacy, Admin, Hospitality, Baking & Catering, Barista, Sewing, Retail, Beauty (Nails), and Homebased Care**. This ecosystem of theoretical and practical training, student counselling and mentorship, a Job Centre to help bridge the gap between employers and prospective recruits, and a special focus on 'giving back' through volunteer hours; creates a pathway for the unemployed to develop their potential. ***Why not sponsor a student, volunteer hours to help at schools, or a course? Contact info@lovehowick.org.za to sign up!***

World Clean Up Day

Last month, the Love Howick team joined hands with enthusiastic enviro-champs for World Clean Up Day, making a remarkable impact on our local environment. With the support of businesses, churches, schools, volunteers, and sponsors, the event showcased the power of collective action in striving toward a cleaner, greener Howick.

Together, we united in a shared mission to care for our environment and create a lasting difference in our community.

The team focused on critical areas of environmental restoration:

- **643 bags of rubbish was collected**
- **820 square metres of grass were cut, improving the appearance and usability of public spaces.**
- **75 alien invasive plants were eradicated, helping to restore the natural balance of our environment.**

These achievements highlight the power of collective action. We are deeply grateful to every person and organization that contributed to this effort. Your dedication and support truly exemplify how individuals can come together to protect and preserve our natural spaces.

By working hand in hand, we're not just improving our surroundings—we're also fostering a stronger sense of community. Together, we can continue to push forward, creating a brighter, more sustainable future for all.

Thank you to everyone who took part in this initiative. Let's keep the momentum going and show that when we care for our environment, we care for each other.

Let's make every day a Clean Up Day!

MONTH @ A GLANCE

34

People graduated from courses at the Dream Centre

245

Items of clothing donated to the Street Store

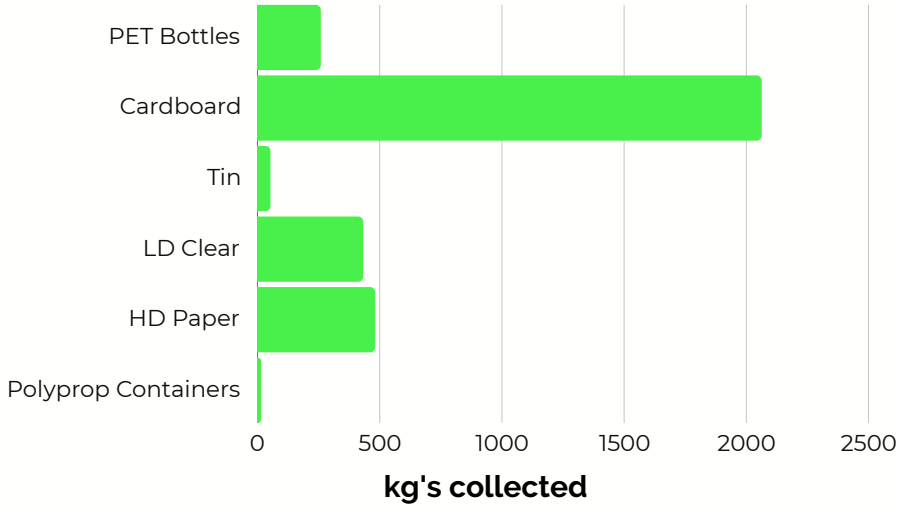
48865.53

Square metres of grass cut in public spaces

264

Units of alien invasive plants removed

Total recycling collected in SEPTEMBER: 3391 KG



RED SOCKS FRIDAY

Love Howick invites you to be part of our RED SOCK FRIDAY this October! This special day is dedicated to supporting our efforts to combat poverty, unemployment, and environmental degradation—while also celebrating Love Howick's 8th Birthday Week!

By participating, you'll help raise awareness and support to rebuild the Lidgeton Sizakancane Seniors Centre.

Skills Development

Last month, in celebration of Tourism Month, Love Howick, in collaboration with Umngeni Tourism, provided essential **training to local Tour Operators**, equipping them with vital skills to grow and thrive in our region's tourism sector.

Our **Make a Garment Class** is in full swing, with the talented ladies already crafting stunning designs! This SETA Accredited course has seen amazing results so far!

Congratulations to our **Barista Course** students who recently graduated with one student already getting a job as the Barista for the Cafe at PMB Airport. Our September **Catering and Baking Class** is officially underway! Our students are taking significant steps toward shaping their futures in the culinary world and doing practicals at

Love Howick participated in the Colour Run in support of the amazing work being done by Midlands Hospice.

ENVIRO-WASTE IMPACT

To improve investment, tourism, and the efficient operation of our town, we need to ensure that our town is CLEAN, WELL MAINTAINED & WASTE FREE.

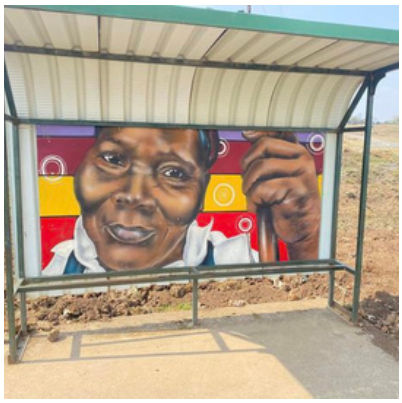
The Love Howick teams are making a significant impact in the community through brush cutting, waste collection, weeding, drain cleaning, and beautification efforts.

Impactful work they've accomplished this month is:

- **48,865.53 m^2 of brush cut**
- **13 illegal dumpsites cleared**
- **643 bags of litter collected**
- **12 trees planted**
- **9 drains unblocked**
- **24,183.22 m^2 of roads swept**
- **New Park in Morling Street**

The Love Howick team spent a big part of the month getting walls built, painted and areas around these walls landscaped, ensuring they are ready for our Lottoland Outdoor Streetart Gallery in partnership with Jackal & Hide

As we move forward, we encourage the community to support and engage with these efforts, ensuring that our shared spaces remain well-maintained and welcoming for all



The 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!

Their commitment to environmental education and community upliftment is truly making a difference