NEWSLETTER
July 2024

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

I am often asked, 'What is it that Love Howick actually does?' This is often a complex question to answer as the problems facing our communities are often very complex to resolve. But I will attempt an 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.*** When these pillars are thriving, then a community thrives!

Place Development

Also known as Placemaking, is an approach to planning, designing, building and maintaining public spaces in a way that focuses around the people that use and benefit from the space. Placemaking is more than just building, it includes paying attention to the physical, cultural and social identity of a place. For many communities, placemaking has been a way to **reimagine and renovate their public places**. Placemaking is another way to build environments that benefit health and well-being, and create a sense of pride.

This is why Love Howick is excited to invest in the new Outdoor Art Gallery, History Walk, new Parks and participate in re-imagining how vacant pieces of land or dumpsites can be used. With a daily focus on enhancing our environment, beautifying our streets, and managing waste - we can see our 'place' changing.

- Matt Hogarty (Founder)

Nedbank x Love Howick: Conducting the StarSavers Program at Nhlanhleni Primary School.

Thank you to everyone who donated towards our Nelson Mandela Day 2024.

Mandela Day '24

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Mandela Day. What a great way to spend a day - making the world around us a better place for all!

From our dedicated teams to our tireless volunteers and our amazing donors, we are deeply grateful to each and every one of you. It is all because of you that we were able to make such a positive impact in the Lions River community. We came together to honor the spirit of Nelson Mandela by giving our time and energy to transform lives and uplift those in need.

Do you have skills in repairs and maintenance? Love Howick is looking for a handyman volunteer to help us with various projects in our community. Your expertise can make a huge difference!

Tasks Include:
Basic repairs and maintenance to Love Howick Buildings
Painting and decorating
General carpentry

Join us and contribute to the betterment of our area. For more information, please contact us at 033 940 5075 or email info@lovehowick.com.

TRAINING SUCCESS

66
Students enrolled in Dream Centre Courses

110
Unemployed Youth have been employed through our SEF Phase 3 programme.

240
Community service hours served by all students

21
Bursaries provided for students in need

We're excited to announce our Annual Golf Day at the beautiful Gowrie Farm Golf Course! Mark your calendars for an exciting day of golf, fun, and fundraising on Sunday, 29th September 2024.

Details:

- **Format**: Better Ball Stableford of 4 Ball Alliance
- **Cost**: R3800 per Fourball (Includes Green Fees, Snacks (Pizza slices) at Prize Giving, and Incredible Prizes!)
- **Note**: All drinks and halfway house meal at own cost.
- **Hole Sponsorship**: R2000 (Great marketing opportunity)ing items for other purposes to extend their lifespan.

To book your Fourball / sponsor a hole / contribute prizes use link: https://forms.gle/5qGobCjutNAYf4GQ6. Spaces are limited, so don't miss out on securing your spot!.
For more info please contact Wendy directly at marketing@lovehowick.org.za.

KEEPING UP WITH THE CLEANUP TEAMS

This month, the teams have worked hard in our communities to show that working together brings real change.

They have collected recyclables, cut overgrown bushes and trees, cleaned paths, removed alien invasive plants, cleared drains and dumpsites.

They have also fixed the paving on Morling Street, cleared paths at uMngeni Water Pump, Lions River, Howick Tennis Courts, and Bell Street, removed harmful plants in Merrivale, and managed waste at the Mpophomeni Depot. Together, we're making our communities better, cleaner, and safer.

Our team's commitment to community improvement is commendable, and their ongoing efforts serve as an inspiration to us all.

CELEBRATE
Midlands NGO Forum

On July 23, 2024, the **Midlands NGO Forum** held a transformative session at THE OLD MUSHROOM FARM, 11 Karkloof Road, Howick.

It was an inspiring morning from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM, filled with valuable insights on achieving Funding Success for NPOs. We were honored to feature **Melanie Jackson, the Founder of Words that Count**, who shared her expertise and experiences.

Thank you to Melanie Jackson and everyone who attended and contributed to making this event a success. Your engagement and enthusiasm are what drive our community forward! Special thanks to The Old Mushroom Farm for hosting us. If you're looking for an affordable venue, do contact them.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT OUR JOB CENTRE?

Students who attain a high level of excellence in our courses are listed in Job Centre. Businesses who are hiring part-time or full-time staff can contact Job Centre and for a small donation of R500 we shortlist and supply the CVs of three appropriate candidates.

For more email: jobcentre@lovehowick.com

SUCCESS STORY:
NTOKOZO MNGADE, 19.

"I arrived at Love Howick and started with the Work Ready Course. There's a lot I have learned from the course, such as how to conduct myself in the workplace and measure up to high work standards.

I volunteered at **Halfway Toyota** and am truly grateful for all the skills I gained there. It gave me the chance to become a cashier, something I never thought I could achieve.

I had never used a computer before, but thanks to Love Howick, I now can. The course has taught me a lot about how to carry yourself and understand the work environment.""

Streetstore Update

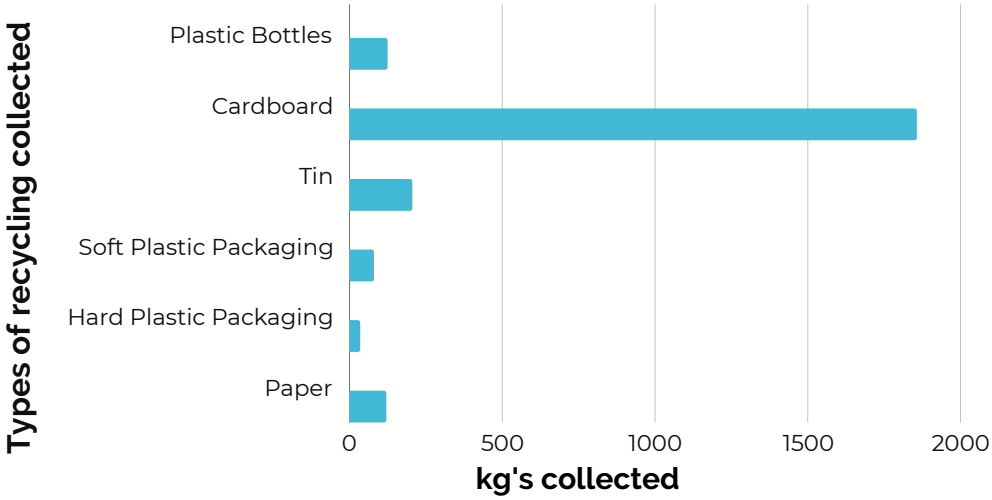
Did you know **528 people** have been **supported through our Streetstore**, all thanks to the amazing donations from our community.

We are grateful to the **Howick Golf Club** for their generous donation of warm winter clothing. Your support will make a significant difference in the lives of those in need during this cold season.

To everyone in our community, **we urge you** to please **consider donating** clothing to our Streetstore.

Every item counts and can bring warmth and comfort to someone in need.

Our recycling initiative includes 40+ local businesses & organisations. **Total recycling collected in March: 00kgs**



WE'VE WON!

Thanks to **Lottoland** and their **TV show Help 'n Dorp**, the KZN Midlands will soon be adorned with beautiful murals and narrated stories celebrating our amazing community.

Combining outdoor **murals with narrated stories** is a unique concept developed by Jackal & Hide that has been celebrated locally and internationally, and seeks to further entrench the KZN Midlands as one of the go-to destinations to experience the Arts, celebrate our unique culture and communicate our incredible history.

Sign up to RSVP, donate, volunteer your time/skill or make a financial contribution using link: Thanks to Lottoland and their TV show Help 'n Dorp, the KZN Midlands will soon be adorned with beautiful murals and narrated stories celebrating our amazing community.