



JUNE 2020

MONTHLY STEP COUNTER

REVIEWING OUR STEPS TO TRANSFORM
THE COMMUNITY THIS MONTH



BEAUTY INSTEAD OF ASHES

TIME TO BUILD THE FUTURE WE IMAGINE **TOGETHER!**

The sudden onset of the Covid-19 pandemic felt a bit like an earthquake that shifted the way of life as we knew it, unexpectedly turning things upside down or as some may say right side up. While the tremors of this 'earthquake/upset' continue to be felt across our family lives, economic sector, vision of the future, we have to stop and ask the question: *How do we respond?*

Massive disruptions to society across the timelines of history have always been met with the emergence of something new. New discoveries, new ways of doing things, new innovations and fresh purpose. Maybe this disruption called 'Covid-19' is exactly what we needed as humanity to press the reset button on life as we knew it, and what is unfolding in this season is a fresh willingness to try new things, take new risks, re-look at what is important and rebuild something that has longevity and legacy.

It is in these times that the vision of the future has to stir us to keep going. Our clear strategy of how to get to this preferred future needs to be our navigation instrument as we keep 'pressing on' to the goal of a prosperous community for all. We thought it would be an ideal time to share our Love Howick strategy with you, and invite you to become one of the key agents of change for Howick. As we emerge from the disruption of the Covid-19 pandemic, this vision is energizing us all with a deep desire to link hands across our community and build something 'new, fresh, bold, and life-giving'. Get involved and **let's make a difference TOGETHER!**

LOVE HOWICK - OUR APPROACH TO CITY TRANSFORMATION!

STEP ONE: Change the narrative over our city, from negative to positive. "An inspiring vision for the future of our city must overshadow the pain of our past or pitfalls of our present, in order for us to see transformation."

STEP TWO: Create a platform to unite people for positive change.

"We all have a part to play in city transformation. The question is, 'How can we unite city influencers to work together towards a collective vision for Howick?' Once we answer this question we are 90% of the way there, because more is achieved from collaboration than isolation."

STEP THREE: Respond to the pain areas in our community with compassionate solutions. "Our greatest solutions often come out of our most difficult challenges. If we can let our hearts be moved by compassion and take action, we will leave a brighter future for our children in this city."

STEP FOUR: Spread the 'good news' stories to mobilise change.

"We believe that good news sells. Let's remind our community that courage, kindness, generosity and service are still the markers of our humanity!"

Matt Hogarty

Director



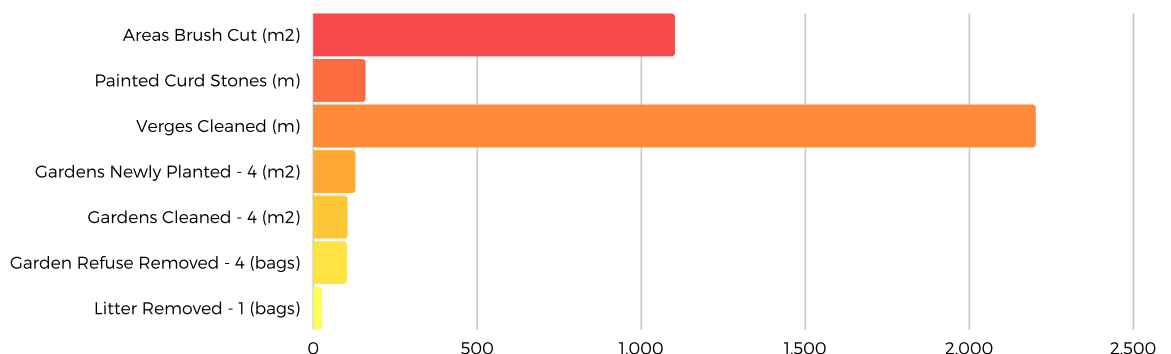
PAINTING THE TOWN RED

As we move into the heart of winter and all around us is dusky brown, the Love Howick Renoverge Team are hard at work putting some colour back into Howick. Don't worry, the 'team in red' have no political affiliation but are a dedicated group of young men committed to reviving the beauty of our community. They are achieving this by systematically clearing, cleaning, painting and planting throughout the town's traffic islands, gardens, roads and concrete planters. They have already achieved some considerable success this month under the watchful eye of Renoverge Project Leader, Werner Post. Here are some of their successes:

- A new walkway installed and concreted at the traffic island near Dunlop, together with new gardens. Here the curbs of the road and islands of the intersection were cleared and painted and the tall grass next to Main Road were brush cut.
- On the Howick side of the Umngeni Bridge, new gardens were planted with various succulents at the entrance to Howick Falls and the traffic island in Morling Street.
- Howick CBD's verges were cleared of massive amounts of sand and rubble that was blocking the flow of rain water and constantly flooding the inner city. The Renoverge Team also cleaned the unsightly advert off of the concrete flower pots and electrical boxes that are on the sidewalks.
- The last week of June was dedicated to training & staff development. Our team attended an accredited health & safety training program and each member of the team will have a new skill that they can add to their ever growing CV.

For July we will be targeting the parks and verges in the inner city. These will be brush cut and cleared of rubbish etc. The main entrances of Howick will also be priority in this coming month. Here we will mainly be brush cutting the tall grass next to the roads, clearing of rubble and waste lying around and fallen or overgrown trees will be cut back, making way for our vision of co-ordinated 'Welcome To Howick' signs for all entry points to our town.

STATISTICS FOR JUNE



LOOKING FOR LANDSCAPERS AND EXPERIENCED GARDENERS?

We are trying to beautify all the gardens in Howick and need some experts to help us source plants, design flower beds and work with our team to plant. If you would like to get involved please email werner@lovehowick.com

MEET OUR RENOVERGE 'RED' TEAM

LEARN ABOUT THE MEN BEHIND THE RED SHIRTS



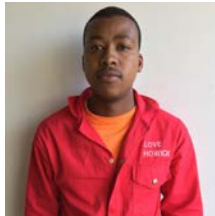
Simphiwe Manamathela

Age: 22

Hobbies: Listening to music

Life motto: 'Live everyday to the fullest.'

Places still to visit: Dubai



Thabiso Manamathela

Team Leader

Age: 23

Hobbies: Music, researching, cooking

Life motto: 'Good things come to those who believe, better to those who are patient & best to those who don't give up.'

Places still to visit: Paris, Dubai, Mauritius



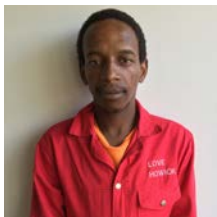
Sibusiso Duma

Age: 19

Hobbies: Soccer, horse riding, DJ

Life motto: 'Keep your head down & work hard.'

Places still to visit: Cape Town



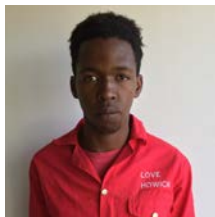
Phindelani Makhaye

Age: 25

Hobbies: Listening to hip hop, soccer

Life motto: 'Always hustling for the future.'

Places still to visit: Zimbabwe



Thembelani Mkhize

Age: 21

Hobbies: Bible study

Life motto: 'Good things come to people who want nice things.'

Places still to visit: Paris, Dubai, China



Sandile Mkhize

Age: 22

Hobbies: Gym, swimming, listening to music

Life motto: 'You only live once!'

Places still to visit: Germany, Italy



Anele Nyoka

Age: 21

Hobbies: Soccer, boxing

Life motto: 'With the right mindset, you can achieve anything.'

Places still to visit: USA, UK



Nkanyiso Mkhize

Age: 24

Hobbies: Soccer, listening to music

Life motto: 'Keep my head up & keep moving. Try to make today better than yesterday.'

Places still to visit: Paris, France

LOVE HOWICK STREET STORE

FIGHTS THE SCOURGE OF COVID-19

SUCCESS STORIES FROM ANDISA MBHENSWE



Andiswa is our new Street Store Assistant, adding much passion and joy to her new position.

- She is a 23 year old mom of 2 boys and has a passion for the community.
- Her hearts desire is to see people getting 2 cooked meals a week and to start a shelter where little children can stay, get educated and learn valuable life skills.
- Andiswa grew up in Mpophomeni, matriculated in 2015 and has produced some excellent results in various short courses completed at the Love Howick Centre recently.

STREET STORE WISH LIST

Please consider donating the following to the Love Howick Street Store:

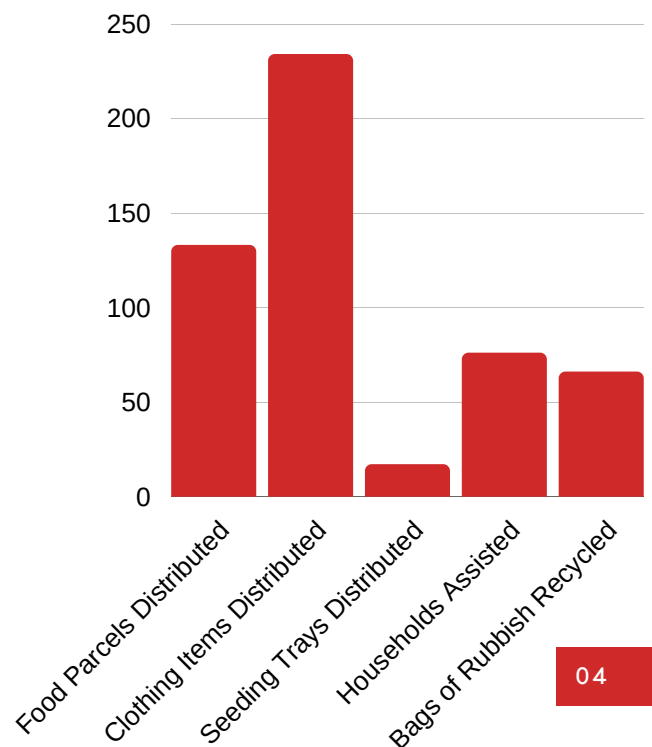
- Good quality second hand clothing (all ages) - please no dirty clothes with holes. Please ensure all items are washed before dropping them off with us.
- Good quality shoes or PPE items for COVID-19
- New face masks
- Trays of vegetable seedlings to assist our 'one home - one garden' project.

With wide scale food insecurity in homes, high levels of unemployment and increasing fears during the Covid-19 pandemic, Love Howick has been a beacon of hope for the poor. We have committed to distributing 200 food parcels each month for the next three months through the **LOVE HOWICK STREET STORE**, located at our Dream Centre (17 Bell Street Howick). This has been made possible by generous contributions from our local business community.

During the month of June our team has been busy interviewing 'food insecure' household representatives to compile a comprehensive database on the needs facing the poor in our community, whilst also allowing our team to verify information to ensure weekly food assistance goes to the most vulnerable.

Those who are eligible for assistance have joined our 'SWOP SHOP' programme, where they are encouraged to collect recycling from their communities in exchange for tokens that can be used to 'swop' for food items and quality second-hand clothing/seedlings for home vegetable gardens.

LOVE HOWICK STREET STORE JUNE STATISTICS



DREAM CENTER LAUNCHES

ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING VIA WHATSAPP DURING COVID-19

With systemic poverty and unemployment on the rise in our community, the Love Howick Dream Centre was birthed to break the cycle of poverty, by equipping and empowering the unemployed with employability and entrepreneurial skills needed to support themselves and their families. Through lectures, role playing, assignments and mentorships, this programme has a proven track record around South Africa of producing employable adults who have strong work ethic and a passion for excellence, integrity and commitment in the workplace.

Our 'Programme Offering' includes:

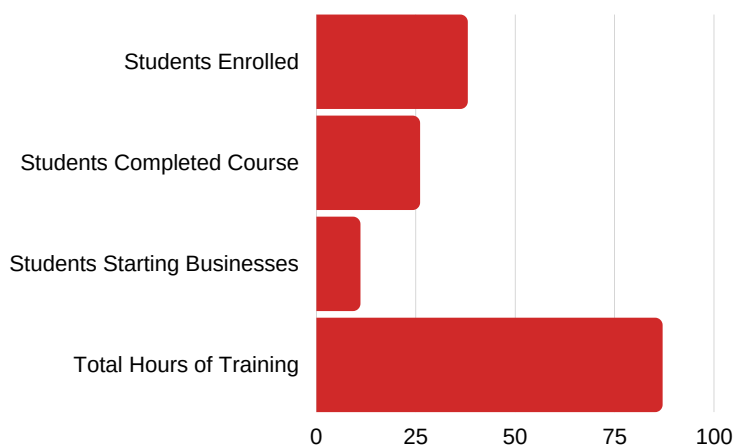
Phase 1: Job Readiness Programme.

Phase 2: Job Skills Programmes. These include: merchandising, cashiers, computer literacy, waiting, barista training, plumbing, office management and entrepreneurship.

Phase 3: Job Centre. Recruiting for your next vacancy – why not let us help you?

During the Covid-19 pandemic, with in-person gatherings prohibited, our team had to re-invent the way we do training, with some exciting results. Together with our curriculum providers we successfully moved our Entrepreneurship Training onto WhatsApp in a 12 day 'Wired 4 Business' Course that saw up-and-coming business leaders gain the skills and courage to start their own businesses.

WIRED 4 BUSINESS - ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING STATISTICS



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SUCCESS STORIES FROM OUR STUDENTS



I am now confident, I believe that I can make it in life! This course has motivated me to start my business and has taught me some valuable lessons. I've learnt that starting small is the best way. I've discovered how to spend my time wisely. I've benefitted from gathering information about my customers, competitors etc. These are just a few of the lessons I'll take into the future. Thank you for the opportunity"

- **Sbongile (Wired 4 Business Student)**

This course has really opened my mind. I've realised that am not poor as there are so many opportunities around me to create the life I dream of. I'm learnt so much so I can become my own boss and look forward to my business journey."

- **Nozipho (Wire 4 Business Student)**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Job Readiness Course**, Mon 29 June - Fri 17 July, 08:00 - 12:30, R100 per student
- **Wired for Business**, Mon 29 June - Fri 17 July, 12:30 - 13:45, R100 per student
- **Office Administration**, Wed 1 July - Teus 12 July, 14:00 - 16:00, R400 per student
- **Computer Literacy**, Mon 6 July - Fri 10 July, 13:00 - 16:00, R800 per student

To book or get information for a Course, please email dreamcenter@lovehowick.com.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

FOR POSITIVE CHANGE!

BECOME A FINANCIAL PARTNER

Love Howick NPC is able to issue Section 18A tax deductible receipts for bona fide donations. Please request this when making a donation by contacting info@lovehowick.com. Love Howick NPC is also certified recipient for B-BBEE funding with 100% recognition level in the Socio-Economic Development category. Please contact us to discuss how we can partner with your business to help the community.

LOVE HOWICK BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Number: 62774727039
Account Name: Love Howick NPC
Bank: First National Bank, Howick
Branch Code: 220725

WAYS TO PARTNER:

- Make a once-off donation via Zapper or EFT (see Bank Details above)
- Sign a monthly debit order to help fund the monthly operating costs of the Love Howick Projects. Email info@lovehowick.com to start this process today.
- Contact us to find out if there are specific needs (equipment, furniture, computers) that you or your business can contribute towards.

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

LOVE HOWICK [a registered Non-Profit Company 2018/242807/08 and Public Benefit Organisation 930066664] is a catalyst in bringing people TOGETHER FOR TRANSFORMATION and aims to unite our community for positive change. We believe that we are better together and we endeavor to establish partnerships between key sectors of our local community to see our vision of a prosperous city emerge.

These partnerships have resulted in number of key projects being launched to improve the lives of the poor as well as tackle some of the challenges facing our community. These projects include: **Street Store, Dream Centre, Griefshare Support Groups, Renoverge, City Parks, Howick Falls Rejuvenation, Positive Media.** In order to continue improving the impact and reach of these projects, we would like to appeal to you to BECOME A LOVE HOWICK PARTNER.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Consider volunteering your time or skills by serving in one of our Love Howick Projects. Send an email to info@lovehowick.com detailing your skills and time available, and we will connect you to the right project.

You could also consider becoming a mentor (assist a young entrepreneur on their journey to starting a business). If you have experience leading a business at senior management level and would like to be considered for our Mentorship Programme, please contact us at info@lovehowick.com.

LEARN MORE OR CONTACT US:

