

FACES OF SOCIAL WELFARE: Government officials, from left, Priscilla Grootboom, Daniel Swartz and Do- lores Tatchell were at the forefront of showering foster parents with special treatment on National Foster Parent Day last Friday. Picture: LAUREN HUMAN



Foster parents urged to keep up good work

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FOSTER parents from all over the Kouga were honoured at a special ceremony arranged by the Department of Social Development in Humansdorp last week.

Foster parents and government officials gathered in the beautifully decorated Sibanye resource centre to celebrate the annual Foster Parent Day.

Social worker, Priscilla Grootboom, said the ceremony was to show foster parents how much they are appreciated for all the hard work they put into raising children placed in their care.

"This is our opportunity to thank all foster parents for their hard work. We want to highlight the special role foster parents play in the role of social development. Our duty is made easier thanks to foster parents," she said.

Social worker at the Humansdorp hospital, Krisinta Malgas, gave a powerful speech to encourage foster parents to give back to the children what has been taken from them.

"Many of the children are in foster care because something has been taken away from them. They have either been raped, abused or orphaned. Foster parents must strive to give life back to these children," she said.

She also encouraged foster parents to inspire the children to have dreams and ambitions.

Jeffreys Bay foster mother, Jane Titus, was also moved to tears during her testimony of when she adopted a young child.

She thanked the social workers for giving her the opportunity to adopt a child she has grown to love as her own.

The foster parents were treated to light snacks and were also entertained by a well-known local gospel singer.

Round Table reflects on 2009

Successful projects enable pay back

STAFF REPORTER

THE Jeffreys Bay/Humansdorp 252 Round Table looks back on a busy 2009. They have completed a few successful projects that enabled them to give back to underprivileged communities.

Every year the organisation organises a Boere Rally that is very popular. All participants have lots of fun at the various points where they have to do things like fear factor, archery, rowing, egg-throwing, paintball, 'bok-drol spoeg'.

With the funds raised, they were able to provide the small school Boplaas in the mountains near Kareedouw with sports gear and stationary, backpacks and some sweet hampers.

Vice-chairman, Wayne Stevenson and Anton Du Preez visited the school to hand over the donation. They were treated to coffee made in an old primitive steel kettle on a gas stove. The children sang their school anthem with the teacher playing only a keyboard connected to a car battery.

"It is then when you realise that we as Round Table do make a difference," says

Stevenson.

Another project was the annual Round Table Golf Day on December 12, at Zwartbosch Golf Estate. A 100 players competed for R5 000 worth of meat prizes.

An amount of R8 000 were raised and food hampers were donated to the CMR in Humansdorp who distributed it to underprivileged families in our area, just before Christmas.

In December last year the Round Table also held a very successful Noddy Christmas party at the St Francis Village shopping centre. All the children who participated brought an old toy to give to charity. Boxes full of toys were given to the less-fortunate children and pre-primary kids in the area.

The Round Table organisation in the Kouga is very motivated and is determined to make all projects that they are planning for this year bigger and better. They would like to thank all their sponsors for contributing to the success of all projects.

For more info regarding the Round Table, contact Wayne Stevenson on 071-249 6268.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE: Members of the Jeffreys Bay/Humansdorp Round Table (back from left) Wayne Stevenson and Anton du Preez with children from the Boplaas school near Kareedouw who received sport gear, stationary, backpacks and sweet hampers from Round Table.

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AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND ASSOCIATED SPECIALIST STUDIES FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

As part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the proposed Eskom Nuclear Power Station and associated infrastructure, the public is hereby notified of the availability of the Draft EIA Report and associated specialist studies for public review and comment. The Draft EIA Report (hard copy and CD) will be made available during the Comment Period 6 March 2010 - 10 May 2010 at the following public venues:

Eastern Cape, Public Libraries: Humansdorp, Jeffery's Bay, Kareedouw, Kruisfontein, Plettenberg Bay and St Francis Bay. **Other venues:** Oyster Bay - Oesterbaai Eiendomme

Western Cape, Public Libraries: Atlantis, Bredasdorp, Elim, Gansbaai, Hermanus, Koeberg, Milnerton, Table View and Welverdiend (Bredasdorp). **Other venues:** Arcus GIBB Cape Town Office, Baardskeerderbos Winkel, Jenny's Handelaar (Wolvengat).

Public Venue, Gauteng: Arcus GIBB Office, 14 Eglin Road, Sunninghill, Johannesburg

The Draft EIA Report can also be downloaded from the following websites:

- Eskom's website: www.eskom.co.za/eia under the "Nuclear 1-Generation" link
- Arcus GIBB website: <http://projects.gibb.co.za/> under the "Nuclear 1 EIA" link

Summaries of the Draft EIA Report are available from the Public Participation Office.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

All Interested and Affected Parties are invited to attend Public Meetings scheduled as follows:

PROVINCE	AREA	DAY AND DATE	VENUE	TIME
Western Cape	Hermanus	Tue, 23 March 2010	Overstrand Municipal Auditorium	18H00 - 20H00
	Pearly Beach	Wed, 24 March 2010	Pearly Beach Club	18H00 - 20H00
	Bredasdorp	Thur, 25 March 2010	Overberg Agri Hall	18H00 - 20H00
Eastern Cape	Oyster Bay	Tue, 13 April 2010	Oyster Bay Hall	18H00 - 20H00
	Humansdorp	Wed, 14 April 2010	Humansdorp Country Club	18H00 - 20H00
	St Francis Bay	Thurs, 15 April 2010	St Francis Links	18H00 - 20H00
	Sea Vista	Fri, 16 April 2010	Sea Vista Community Hall	18H00 - 20H00
Western Cape	Cape Town	Mon, 19 April 2010	Vineyard Hotel, Newlands	18H00 - 20H00
	Duynfontein	Tue, 20 April 2010	Atlantic Beach Golf Club	18H00 - 20H00
	Atlantis	Wed, 21 April 2010	Thusong Centre Community Hall	18H00 - 20H00

The purpose of Public Meetings is to provide the public with an opportunity to (a) discuss the findings as they are presented in the Draft EIA Report and (b) comment on the specialist study findings and the outcomes of the EIA. The EIA Team will be available from 17h00 to answer individual questions on the Draft EIA Report. Interested and Affected Parties are encouraged to review the Draft EIA Report, attend Public Meetings and submit written comment by 10 May 2010.

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Fun fashion show a success

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LOCALS had the pleasure of admiring garments from Monica Zipper's collection at a fashion show held at Potter's Place recently.

It was a fun evening with members of the Raksada Belly Dancers from Port Elizabeth entertaining the guests.

The show drew a full house with even a few men attending. The garments were modelled by 12 locals.

Two-and-a-half years ago Zipper, who hails from London, settled in Jeffreys Bay. She runs her business, Made to Measure, from a studio in her home.

Chiffon is her fabric of choice and she refers to herself as the "chiffon queen".

"I love the small town atmosphere. The local women are beautifully dressed and they care what they look like. I found all my models for the



DREAM GARMENTS: Some of the models at the recent fun evening at Potter's Place were, from left, Sumari Bezuidenhout, Dede Breitenbach, Eubre Ferreira, Sofia Carnemo. Clothing by Monica Zipper from Made to Measure.

show in the street. Normal women are sensuous," says Zipper.

"I make dream dresses for my clients. I take the dress to the body and not the body to the dress," she says.

"She consults her clients and makes all her garments to their specifications.

"I bring their fantasies to

life. They can have whatever they want to fit their budget," she says.

Zipper makes dresses for all occasions - for brides, their mothers and matric farewell parties.

Potter's is planning a similar fun evening at the end of March. Zipper can be contacted on 079-039 9048.