

# PRESS RELEASE

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## HEUWELKROON COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Heuwelkroon and Boesmanskloof Community Garden is now up and running! The inspiration of Emil Weder High School Student, Nokwazi Ndlovu who, as reported in the last issue of the Sentinel, attended a workshop in Cape Town at the Oranjezicht City Farm where she and her friend, Carly Williamson, were taught the basics of organic, natural and holistic farming. The seed of the idea of the community garden gradually grew into a seedling, and then into a beautiful plant where some of the fruits of our labour are already evident. Nokwazi's idea and persistence led to four pieces of land being granted to GTT to be used as community gardens or as beautiful public spaces.

At the time of writing, one plot in Boesmanskloof – generously donated by Mr. Andreas Latier – has already been transformed into a community garden by and for the local people. A garden event was held on Monday 9th September at the community garden to introduce everybody to the project and to prepare the garden. 52 people attended aged from 3 to 83 years and ploughed, composted, planted and mulched while the ladies of the Greyton Women's Network cooked a hot potjie. Many thanks must go to our volunteers from Emil Weder, Greyton Primary, Hans University, the Greyton Women's Network and our rasta gardeners Riaan, Zane and Marshall.

There are still things to be done before our garden can grow into a fully-fledged source of food for the participants and the community, but we believe that with the constant support from our volunteers, our goals will be achieved in no time at all.

The community garden meets every Thursday afternoon at 4 pm

## PURE GREYTON CAFÉ

If you have walked down Oak street on Friday nights, you may have been wondering what all the buzz was about in and around Pure Greyton Café. After a revamp of the interior of the space, separating shop and café, Pure is starting to host music nights on Friday evenings, with some of Greyton's finest young (and old!) musicians playing. The last two evenings have filled out the space and seen the performers play with aplomb and much applause, as people enjoyed Bradley Taylor's organic vegetarian cuisine.

## GREYTON GREEN PARK

TWK has recently granted permission for the Green Park (formerly known as the dumpsite) to be fenced to prevent dumping in the wrong areas. A big clean-up day will be organised for the coming weeks for the Green Park and surrounding areas. We must thank Greenpop for their pledge to plant 50 fruit trees in the Green Park on the 27th of October.

## SCHOOL ECO-CREWS

Our two young Transition Town members Candice and Matt have been working with the Eco-crews at the schools in Greyton and its surrounds. They have visited Bereaville, LR Schmidt, Emil Weder and Uitkyk schools and have been introducing the students to green learning and helping the students devise their own projects to help their communities.

## PHILIPPI HORTICULTURAL AREA

On Tuesday 3rd October, Transition Town was welcomed to the Philippi Horticultural Area and Abalimi Bezakhaya, headed by Rob Small, a leader in the organic farming movement in South Africa. GTT was able to see many of the techniques used in community gardens and inner-city farms and the way people were utilising their land to create food and entrepreneurship opportunities.

GTT hopes to bring back many of these ideas and are a workshop is to be held with Rob Small for those interested. Photos were also taken of the Philippi agricultural land as part of a petition for saving the agricultural area near to the city. Our own website sponsor, Mike Ash, has kindly agreed to create a website for this outstanding site. After a busy day we left loaded with over 2000 seedlings for the community garden and the new Red Cross garden.

## JUNKANEW WORKSHOPS

Monique Fagan of Junkanew is hosting three workshops in Heuwelkroon and Genadendal on making artworks and functional goods out of plastics and other waste materials as part of the Transition Town Stall for the upcoming Rose Festival in October.

She is working with the Greyton's Women's Network, Genadendal's Mind Over Matter and the school Eco-Crews. She will help the disabled people at Mind over Matter create new items for sale so that they can raise funds for their day centre.

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## NOTES TO THE EDITOR

GTT is a rapidly expanding charity, with BIG plans and ideas. This press release contains our key events and activities, but for a real flavour of the passion and impact of this grass roots organisation do call to speak with Nicola. Find out why the professional German Film company Deutsche Welle dedicated 4 days of its Global Ideas Crew to film the community, the transition festival and other events.

## ABOUT GREYTON TRANSITION TOWN

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Founded in 2012 by UK ex pat Nicola Vernon and her team of volunteers GTT is representative of the **3000** Transition Town projects that have sprung up globally as people found resonance with the model developed in the UK. Every Transition movement has unique aspects and components, but all are driven to improve people's lives through sustainable activities. As an active charity, it works with a wide group of interests, ranging from local municipalities, farmers & residents, to businesses, charities, non-governmental organisations, scientists, doctors, lawyers and other activists.

## DW: GLOBAL 3000 FILM ABOUT GREYTON TRANSITION TOWN

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