

PRESS RELEASE

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Children's Eco-Crew Programme Growing and Thriving

Over eighty children are now fully signed up members of the GTT Eco-Crew. In their view this new 'gang' is way cooler than any of the other gangs out there despite the fact that it has a few rules, (or maybe because of it), such as no smoking or drinking, no swearing or rudeness, be prompt, work hard at school, keep to your promises, be kind to yourself, others, animals and the environment and have fun!

Mirchal Delpport and Zane Snyman, have stepped forward to help GTT's Co-ordinator, Candice Mostert, and Board members Marshall Rinquest and Sunnye Collins to organise on-going programmes including water conservation, fynbos walks, medicinal herb identification and uses, animal husbandry and waste management. The team also uses the opportunity of bringing the children together three times a week to talk about other issues that affect them such as domestic violence, drug abuse, sex and pregnancy, HIV/AIDs and nutrition.

Forty members of the eco-crew enjoyed a winter camp at the Blue Hippo farm during the first week of December. During the 24 hour 'Survival Sleepover' the children made their own tents, cooked their food and enjoyed games and adventures including story telling, hiking and a ghost walk.

Thanks to the generosity of dozens of Greyton residents, Chic Mamas and the Red Cross, 80 special printed Eco-Crew t-shirts have been sponsored for the children.

Community Garden

The team have also been busy supporting a group of children to work on the community garden which is already producing food for their families.

Our new intern, Rebecca Pratel from New York, has a keen interest in food security and will be spending some time with us to study issues around food sources, demand and supply and nutrition. She is also working at Pure Café to prepare for the arrival of the new vegetarian chef, Thandi Poole, at the end of January.

The Green Park

The 100 trees donated by Greenpop and planted last month to kick off Greyton's Fruit Forest month are all doing very well.

The Green Park was fenced in just in time for the event as the trees must be protected while they are so young. 450 metres of fencing now enclose the Green Park space which will allow us to expand the composting and chipping businesses and introduce charcoal making, mushroom growing and a fruit tree nursery.

Pure Greyton

Thandi Poole is returning to the village end of January and will take over the ownership of the Café. She is a vegetarian chef and will bring a large repertoire of delicious recipes for meals, juices and smoothies. The Café is now open with a small but tasty menu of locally sourced, organic meals.

Donations

We rely on donations to keep up the good work. Please consider a Christmas gift for Greyton Transition Town. FNB Bank Caledon 200212, A/C 62355982747. Please put your name and a reference if you wish your donation to go to a particular project ie JONES YOUTH, SMITH PARK, BROWN GARDENS. We are a registered NPO so please contact us if you wish to apply for a tax rebate on your gift.

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

www.greytontransition.co.za

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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