

BENEFITING THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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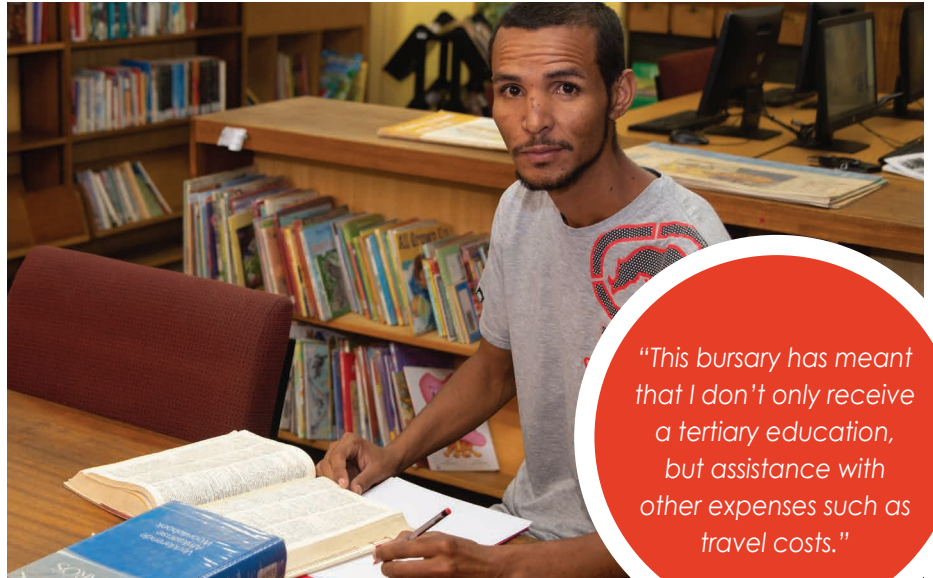


BURSARIES FOR KENHARDT LEARNERS

Bursary recipient, Eric Cloete, is in his final year of studies and will be qualifying this year with a Bachelor of Education degree under his belt.

Eric was previously a learner at Kenhardt High School, which is the direct beneficiary of Aries Solar Power's bursary programme.

This programme was launched to provide the opportunity to local school graduates to gain a tertiary education, with the hope that once qualified, these young people will return home to the small town of Kenhardt, and plough their skills back into this community, which is exactly what he is doing.



"This bursary has meant that I don't only receive a tertiary education, but assistance with other expenses such as travel costs."



CLASSROOM FUN



Physical Science teacher, **Ms Lerato Rabopane**: "I'm so happy with the lab and the facilities, it is now much quicker and safer to conduct experiments with the learners. I look forward to using the lab to its full potential this year."

Learners and teachers from Kenhardt High School are finding it easier to conduct science experiments and learn in class thanks to their newly improved science laboratory.

Aries Solar Power has provided support to the high school's Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths programme by funding the renovation of their science laboratory and hopes to motivate and encourage learners to take up these important subjects.



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A WARM WELCOME

Tsholofelo Moote has joined Aries Solar Power as their Economic Development Practitioner to help drive and implement the solar farm's economic development programme, which is designed to benefit the community of Kenhardt.



SKILLS TO HELP ENTREPRENEURS

Aries Solar Power's enterprise development programme that launched in 2018 to stimulate local business development, benefited a group of twelve local entrepreneurs.

They participated in a development workshop to give them the necessary business skills including setting up their businesses and marketing. In addition to this, they received assistance with accreditation, legislature compliance, affiliations with relevant bodies and access to funding.



"The programme helped the 12 entrepreneurs develop the necessary skills and provided mentoring, coaching and funding."



SUCCESS FOR HERSCHELLE

Congratulations to **Herschelle Williams** for successfully completing his Bachelor of Education degree last year, at the University of the Western Cape, with the help of an Aries Solar Power bursary.

He will be heading back to Cape Town for his graduation ceremony in April, but in the meantime he is back home in Kenhardt, hoping to secure a teaching position, at the same high school that he attended.

"I would love to teach at Kenhardt High School, preferably in English or Life Orientation, as they were my areas of speciality."

"If graduates and young professionals return to Kenhardt, it will have a ripple effect and mean that we no longer need to recruit specialist skills from other parts of the country."

