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INTRODUCTION

1. Background

The Overberg Education District was awarded three busses for the purposes of bringing library books to rural schools. One was given in 1999 from the Africa and Asia Association (TAAA) Mobile Library Project in South Africa and was stationed in Elgin and a further two were made available in 2011.

These three mobile libraries are now placed to serve each of the three circuits in the Overberg Education District.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The outcomes of these buses are:

- a) improve literacy reading and resource-based learning
- b) to maximize educator capacity by integrating the use of appropriate, available and affordable resources into the curriculum delivery process.
- c) to develop a love for reading and writing
- d) to improve learning ability.

SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

PHASE 1

The targeted institutions are 29 rural schools where teachers work in an environment where the parent body of the institutions is extremely poor and the institutions find it hard to improve their facilities and acquire much needed equipment and resources.

OVERBERG EDUCATION DISTRICT: RURAL PRIMARY INSTITUTIONS

NAME OF SCHOOL	NUMBER OF LEARNERS	NUMBER OF EDUCATORS	CIRCUIT
Akkerboom Prim.	34	2	1
Kleifontein Prim.	31	2	1
Klipdale Prim.	117	4	1
Kluitjieskraal Prim.	31	2	1
Mullersrus Prim.	296	9	1
Protem Prim.	84	4	1
St Johns Prim.	111	4	1
Uitvlug Prim.	30	2	1
Vleiplaas Prim.	30	2	1
Wagenhuiskrantz Prim.	156	5	1
Weltevrede Prim.	66	2	1
Arieskraal Prim.	170	6	2
Dennegeur Prim.	230	8	2
Glen Elgin Prim.	225	7	2
Maxonia Prim.	135	4	2
Monteith Prim.	106	5	2
St. Michael's Prim.	201	5	2
St. Paul's Prim.	58	2	2
Futura De Rust	714	16	2
Diepgat Prim.	59	3	3
Elandsrivier Prim.	243	8	3
Jongensklip Prim.	131	5	3
Berea Mor. Prim.	304	11	3
Bloemenhof Prim.	93	5	3
Boontjieskraal Prim.	115	5	3
Daniel Le Roux Prim.	156	4	3
The Glebe Prim.	96	6	3
Teslaarsdal Prim.	111	6	3
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PHASE 2

The project scope aims to extend the services at a later stage to include

- 1) Early Childhood Development (Play groups) to develop perceptual skills, early literacy and numeracy skills by means of toys and educational games
- 2) Adult Education to selected communities to encourage family literacy.

THE LAUNCH

The launch of the above library and resource centre took place at Swartberg Primary School on Monday 19 September 2011. It was attended by several dignitaries, as well as the Consul and Councilor of Japan, Mrs Yumiko Fujiwara.

As part of the Edulis family, the vision of the Overberg Library and Information Service is to render a specialized service in research and information to all learners and educators. The project will start off as a lending service which will enable learners to borrow books in the Home Language, as well as encourage proficiency in English as a First Additional Language. The Resource Centre will consist of the Makhosandile Ndzuzo Resource Centre named after the first Director of the Overberg Education District. This centre will serve as the Library Depot. There will also be the Overberg Mobile Resource Project which will consist of three buses which have been made available by the SAPESI Mobile Library Project. As part of this project new depots will be set up at Caledon and Swellendam Circuit offices. The existing depot at EFL will be maintained to serve the Hermanus Circuit.

Other well known dignitaries who attended the official launch were Mr Clifton Frolick (the District Director), Mr MT Nzuzo, Mr Brian Schreuder (Deputy Director General), Ms Marcia Harker from Head Office, Dr Thabo Makgabutlane and Francois Rozon.

Mrs. Yumiko Fujiwara was met by Mr. Brian Schreuder as part of the official handover of the Overberg Library and Information Service Resource Centre.

PHOTO GALLERY THE LAUNCH



Two of three busses branded by Appletiser



Mr Brendan Jales handing over the keys



Monteith PS Marimba Band



Ms Betsie Ryke - Conductor



Mr Clifton Frolick



APPOINTMENT OF THREE MOBILE LIBRARY FACILITATORS

The project is managed by the curriculum component of the OED. It is staffed by the Curriculum Advisor School Libraries (WCED post) (coordinator) and three newly appointed mobile library facilitators/drivers. These three posts are linked to an internship for students sponsored by Appletiser.

The three facilitators appointed from December 2011 are Vernon Koen (Circuit 2), Sybil Lee (Circuit3) and Werner Windvogel (Circuit 1). Vernon previously appointed by the Elgin Learning Foundation is already managing the mobile library in the Grabouw/Hermanus area since 2009. Sybil and Werner were previously youth workers in Caledon and Swellendam respectively.

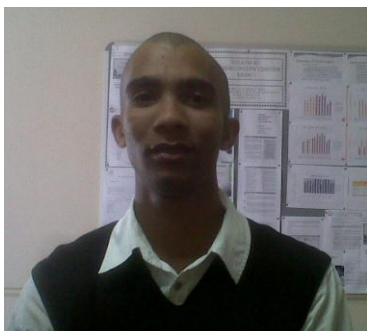
Sybil and Vernon registered at UNISA for the BInformation Degree and Werner for the BEducation Degree. They will not only use the project for the practical part of their studies, but also apply the theoretical knowledge they acquired to handle the service in a more professional manner.



SYBIL LEE CIRCUIT 3



VERNON KOEN CIRCUIT 3



WERNER WINDVOGEL CIRCUIT 1 (SWELLENDAM)



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PROGRESS REPORT

CIRCUIT 1: SWELLENDAM/BREDASDORP AREA (Werner Windvogel)

Number of library items in depot: 1915

School visits: January – March 2012

School	Patrons		Number of visits	Remarks
	Educ.	Learn.		
Akkerboom Prim.	2	7	4	
Kleinfontein Prim.	2	5	4	
Kluitjieskraal Prim.	2	8	4	
Mullersrus Prim.	9	82	4	
St Johns Prim.	4	-	4	Grade R-3 only(Educators take out block loans one book per learner)
Uitvlug Prim.	2	12	4	
Vleiplaas Prim.	2	11	4	
Wagenhuizkrantz Prim.	5	45	4	
Weltevrede Prim.	2	13	4	
Total	34	183	36	

CIRCUIT 2: GRABOUW/HERMANUS AREA (Vernon Koen)

Number of library items in depot: 9304

School visits: January – March 2012

School	Patrons		Number of visits	Remarks
	Educ.	Learn.		
Arieskraal Prim.	5	69	4	
Dennegeur Prim.	6	109	4	
Glen ElginPrim.	5	103	4	
Maxonia Prim.	4	59	4	
Monteith Prim.	2	44	4	
St Michael's Prim.	5	72	4	
De Rust Futura Akademia	19	72	4	Gr R – 12 (Only primary school learners borrow books. All primary and secondary school educators borrow books)
Elandsrivier Prim.	8	121	4	
Daniel Le Roux Prim.	5	-	4	Grade R-3 only (Educators take out block loans for each class -one book per learner)
Total	59	649	36	

CIRCUIT 3: CALEDON/VILLIERSDORP

Number of library items in depot: 1732

School visits: January – March 2012

School	Patrons		Number of visits	Remarks
	Educ.	Learn.		
Berea Mor. Prim.	11	116	3	
Boontjieskraal Prim.	5	23	4	
Bloemenhof Prim.	5	24	3	
Diepgat Prim.	3	13	4	
Jongensklip Prim.	5	44	4	
Klipdale Prim.	4	26	3	
Protem Prim.	5	15	3	
Teslaarsdal Prim.	6	18	4	
The Glebe Prim.	6	25	4	
St Paul's L/S	4	12	3	4 educators from Fynbos Creche on the same premises also borrow block loans
Total	49	365	34	

General remarks

Lending of library material

Library items are issued to the patrons electronically on the SLIMS system of the WCED educational library service (EDULIS). Block loans are issued to Grade R – 3 teachers only. To educate the more senior learners in the general use and purpose of libraries the lending facilities is extended to learners from grade 4-7. Unfortunately due to the limited stock in the Swellendam and Caledon depots the registration of learners as patrons will be phased in as the stock grows starting off with Grade 7 in the first term, Grade 6 in the second term, Grade 5 in the third term and lastly Grade 4 during the fourth term.

To save time and fuel the facilitators work across circuits e.g. the Swellendam circuit's schools are very remote therefore the facilitator from Caledon is doing some of the Swellendam schools and one Hermanus school nearer to the Caledon depot. The Hermanus facilitator does two Villiersdorp schools which are nearer to the Elgin depot.

The feedback regarding the visits is very positive. The facilitators enjoy having informal discussions with the learners and teachers about the books. The staff is very helpful. Enough time is set aside for the facilitators to issue the books as well as to do library orientation and reading guidance with the learners. It is interesting to see how the learners encourage each other to choose certain titles e.g. the formula books in Afrikaans such as "Trompie, Saartjie" and "Feetjie" books are high in demand. The Foundation Phase learners very much enjoy the pop-up books in Afrikaans and picture storybooks. The teachers request more activity books and lesson

plans, Afrikaans support material for assessment tasks in particular sport, music, art, science and folklore. They also enjoy the new story DVD's.

Educators' support programme

A request form which the educators fill in when they plan their assessment tasks had been designed. These forms are then submitted to the facilitators where their requests are taken into account and every effort is made to source these assessment tasks. The facilitators search for relevant books in the depot, make copies from reference resources, carry out searches on the Worldwide Web and also refer them to relevant titles in the EDULIS collection in Bellville.

The three busses before their "New Look"



Initial talks between members of SAPESi and OED in 2008.

PHOTO GALLERY SCHOOL VISITS



Smiling faces of eager readers at **The Glebe Primary School!**



We can't wait to open those books on the shelves!

Mullersrus Primary School



A grade R learner enjoying a cardboard picture book at **St John's Primary School**



"Just what I need for my Afrikaans lesson next week"

Daniel Le Roux Prim. School



The long wait is over, our library bus is here at last!
Jongensklip Primary School



Grade 4 learners at **Elandsrivier Primary School** are waiting for Vernon to stamp their books.

BUDGET REPORT (FINANCIAL YEAR 2011/2012)

Month	Type	Recipient	Detail	Value	Donor Budget	WCED
2011/2012 Financial year	Library materials		Fiction, non-fiction and ready reference works	R335 000.00		WCED (EDULIS)
August 2011	Financial	EN ROUTE Panelbeaters (Grabouw) – Caledon and Swellendam Buses	Rust Removal	R11 474.10		WCED (EDULIS)
December 2011- March 2012	Financial	Facilitators S.Lee (R8000) V.Koen (R8000) W.Windvogel (R8000)	Facilitating fees	R24 000.00		WCED (EDULIS)
September 2011	Product		English picture storybooks	-	Benesse Corp.	
August 2011	Financial	EN ROUTE Panelbeaters (Grabouw) – Elgin Bus	Rust Removal	R 7000.00	SAPESI	
March	Financial	WCED: Green Leaf Designs	Mobile School Library Project	R550.00	Appletiser	
July	Financial	WCED: EnRoute Towing CC	Mobile School Library Project	R3440.00	Appletiser	
August	Financial	WCED: Morriss Jones	Mobile Library: Bus branding	R 575.00	Appletiser	
August	Financial	WCED: Morriss Jones	Mobile Library: Bus branding	R13 816.49	Appletiser	
August	Financial	WCED: Woodman Signs	Mobile Library: Woodman Signs: Minivans 50%	R26 250.00	Appletiser	
September	Financial	WCED: Massmart	Mobile Library: 3 tables	R 1181.58	Appletiser	
September	Financial	WCED: Massmart	Mobile Library : 3 Chairs	R 447.34	Appletiser	
September	Financial	WCED: MecerCapital(Pty)Ltd	Mobile Library: 3 Laptops	R10 497.00	Appletiser	
September	Financial	WCED: MecerCapital(Pty)Ltd	Mobile Library: 3 Modems	R 1050.00	Appletiser	
September	Financial	WCED: MecerCapital(Pty)Ltd	Mobile Library: 3 Printers	R 1 797.00	Appletiser	
September	Financial	WCED: MecerCapital(Pty)Ltd	Mobile Library: Software	R1 605.00	Appletiser	
September	Financial	WCED: Ntinga Technologies	Mobile Library: 3 Library Barcode Scanners	R 4290.00	Appletiser	
September	Financial	WCED: Woodman Signs	Mobile Library : Buses	R2 500.00	Appletiser	
September	Financial	WCED: Woodman Signs	Mobile Library: Woodman Signs: Minivans 50%	R26 250.00	Appletiser	
September	Product	WCED: Product	Mobile Library: 1 Case 275ml APPLETISERSING/MAL		Appletiser	
September	Product	WCED: Product	Mobile Library: 5 Cases 275ml APPLETISERIRELAND		Appletiser	
December	Financial	WCED: School Clinic Swellendam	Mobile School Library Project Stipend 3 facilitators Dec-March (R3000 p.m.)=R36 000 Data bundles and registration of 3 data cards (R3374) Study fees = R7702	R47 076.00	Appletiser	
TOTAL				R518 799.51		

FINAL REMARKS

The Overberg Mobile School Library Project is well received by the recipient schools. The learners are excited and the teachers thankful for a service which they would not otherwise have. The facilitators are committed to render a professional service.

The biggest challenge is to keep the project sustainable. Risks and constraints that can have a negative impact on the project are insufficient funding to pay the facilitators at the end of each month, rising of fuel prices, lost and damage of library materials and malfunction and theft of the IT equipment.

The success of the project thus far can be ascribed to a healthy relationship among the different role players, namely EDULIS, ELF, WCED and the staff of the different schools not forgetting the generous contributions made by the sponsors like Appletiser and Sapesi.