



KARIEGA
FOUNDATION
CONSERVATION THROUGH COMMUNITY

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Working in partnership to ensure the sustainable protection of the environment, the well-being and advancement of local communities and the conservation of wildlife and their habitat.

KARIEGA
GAME RESERVE
Eastern Cape · South Africa

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Message from our Chairman

Partnerships and sustainable development of tourism opportunities using the 'Cradle to Career' theory of change have shaped our mindsets for the growth of the Kariega Foundation.

Governance has been a key strategic focus to ensure a robust future for the Kariega Foundation for generations to come. We are continuously adapting and shaping a sustainable strategy for the protection of biodiversity and endangered species, conservation of wildlife and habitats, and the advancement of communities to deliver on our 'conservation through community' philosophy. We are always cognoscente that we may need to adjust certain approaches in the future.

Changing lives is the consequence of the work we do on a daily basis. I was blessed to be part of a camp where the 11 local soccer stars, who attended Dana Cup in Denmark with the help of Kariega Foundation's generous donors, were equipped with some essential goalkeeping and elevator pitch skills to help them be better personal ambassadors. The inspiring fireside chats and bush walks were a stark reminder of how important it is to get our youth and community to buy into our vision of protecting the biodiversity in this area forever.

I also participated in a number of conservation activities and procedures in the reserve. I observed that the personal impact of these experiences on the various participants involve, guests and community members alike, was life-changing. We create environmental ambassadors daily for the reserve and the world. But it's sometimes the small things we do that make the biggest difference, like distributing sports kit to over 400 participants in the Ubuntu Cup Sports League – a reminder that one pair of netball shoes or soccer boots for a child who has never had a pair of sports shoes is a life-changing experiences. What we strive for as the Kariega Foundation is to continually create and facilitate these life changing experiences which will fuel 'conservation through community'.

Entrepreneurship and community skills development is of strategic importance as this facilitates the opportunity for employment and the growth of local businesses.

My overarching message this year as the Kariega Foundation heads into its 10th year, since re-launching in 2016, is the same as last year's message - What difference can you make? I encourage you to do a deep dive and clearly define this intention and then go one step further to break it down into monthly or weekly goals. To action.

Please chose to support a local entrepreneur, whether it's a local coffee brand; recycling business or even a car wash; or find a local charity making a difference like the Kariega Foundation and make a donation. A donation does not always need to be financial; it could be donating your time or expertise to a project you feel connected to.

Looking ahead, our Kariega Foundation Music in the Bush fundraiser, planned for June 2026, is a great way to support us and bring music and conservation together.

Personally, I would love to engage with you all throughout the year so we might keep each other accountable to the small but meaningful differences we intend to make in this world, to make it better, one small community at a time.

Antony Wannell





Message from the CEO

The Kariega Foundation Trust has experienced significant growth over the past nine years. This progress has been both exciting and encouraging, with positive feedback from guests, volunteers, community members, donors, and partners. We are making a meaningful impact in our key areas: protecting biodiversity and endangered species, conserving wildlife and habitats, and advancing communities through our 'Cradle to Career' theory of change, which is producing measurable results.

In 2024/25, we took time to reflect on our journey—where we began, where we are today, and where we aim to go.

The strategic planning that followed helped us identify sustainable paths to reach our goals. We have established clarity on:

1. The most effective project structure for the Kariega Foundation Trust on Kariega Game Reserve and within our four beneficiary communities: Ekuphumleni, Marselle, Klipfontein, and Alexandria; divided into three distinct categories:
 - Core projects – Core projects aligned with Trust objectives; facilitated via an annual operational budget.
 - Legacy projects – Vision projects planned and completed with specific donors and community partners.
 - Landscape projects - Select core projects to scale into the broader conservation landscape with partner organisations.
2. The annual budget and organisational framework necessary to support this project structure.
3. A sustainable fundraising approach that will secure the annual operational budget and build savings/reserves to manage future risks.

The sustainability of the Kariega Foundation Trust is rooted in our partnership with Kariega Game Reserve and the founding families' commitment to people, the environment, and wildlife. Approximately 80% of funding comes from this collaboration through guest donation levies, the volunteer programme, and events with partner organisations on Kariega Game Reserve. This biodiverse landscape supports us all and so we endeavour to build a conservation community that will work together to protect it forever.

Our aspiration is for this partnership to become a leading example of how eco-tourism can drive genuine and sustainable progress in conservation and social impact. We would not be where we are today, nor able to envision our future, without every guest who visits Kariega Game Reserve, every volunteer who participates in our programme, and every partner organisation or individual we work with. We deeply appreciate each one of you.

On a personal note, I want to thank the incredible Kariega Foundation team—we are now over 50 staff members strong! Your dedication, boundless energy, and creativity inspire me every day. The Kariega Foundation exists because of all of you.

Ndiyabulela. I am grateful.

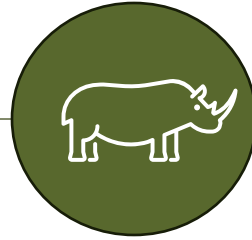
Lindy Sutherland



Our Milestones



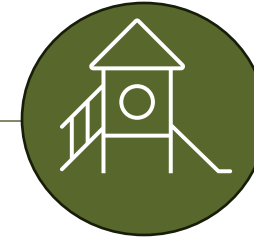
2009
Kariega Foundation
registered as a Trust



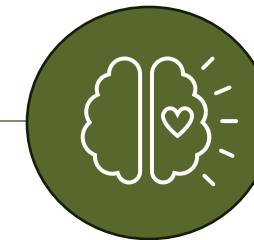
2012
Save The Rhino
launched



2017
Conservation and
community levy
donation applied



2018
ECD Level 4 training
completed, and
curriculum resources
supplied



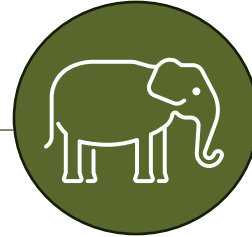
2019
Social and Emotional
Learning (SEL) training
completed by staff



2019
1st community APU
training course
concluded



2022
Ubuntu Cup Sports
League launched



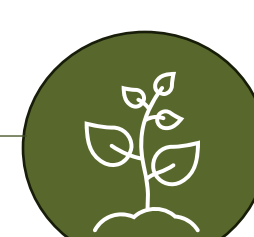
2021
Additional habitat for
elephant, lion and
cheetah



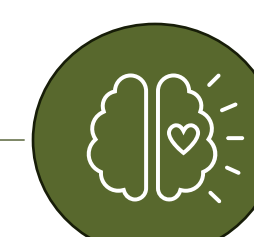
2021
25km of Bushmans
River protected



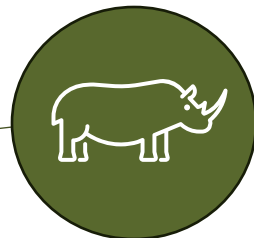
2021
Land donation received.
Protected area grows to
11,500 hectares



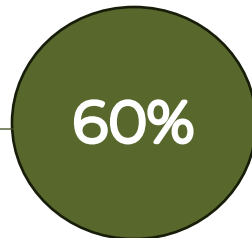
2020
SOIL Permaculture
Project launched



2020
Partnership with two
primary schools on SEL



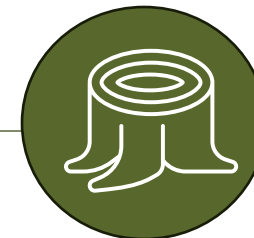
2023
Partnership with WWF
as black rhino
custodians



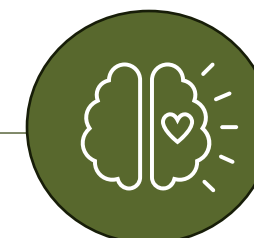
2023
4th community APU
training concluded –
60% of APU team from
local community



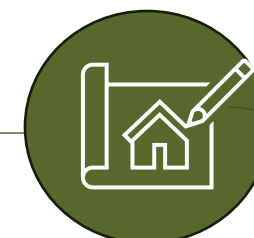
2023
Ekuphumleni Library
Computer Hub opened
with 16 laptops



2023
Community Alien Plant
Control training
completed



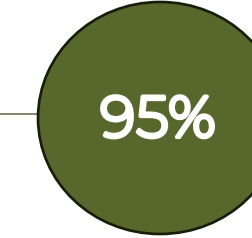
2023
SEL regional training
facilitated



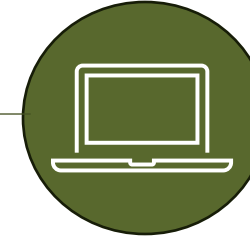
2023
Special Needs
Education project
launched



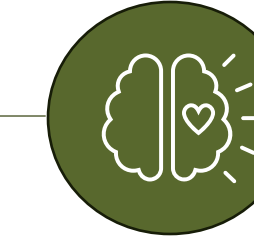
2025
Liggerman Educational
Centre opened
with 30 learners



2024
95% of APU team from
local communities



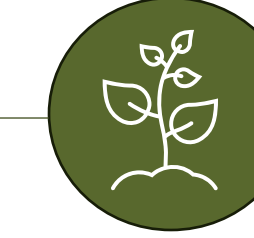
2024
Marselle Computer Hub
opened with 15 laptops



2024
51 x SEL lessons taught
per week

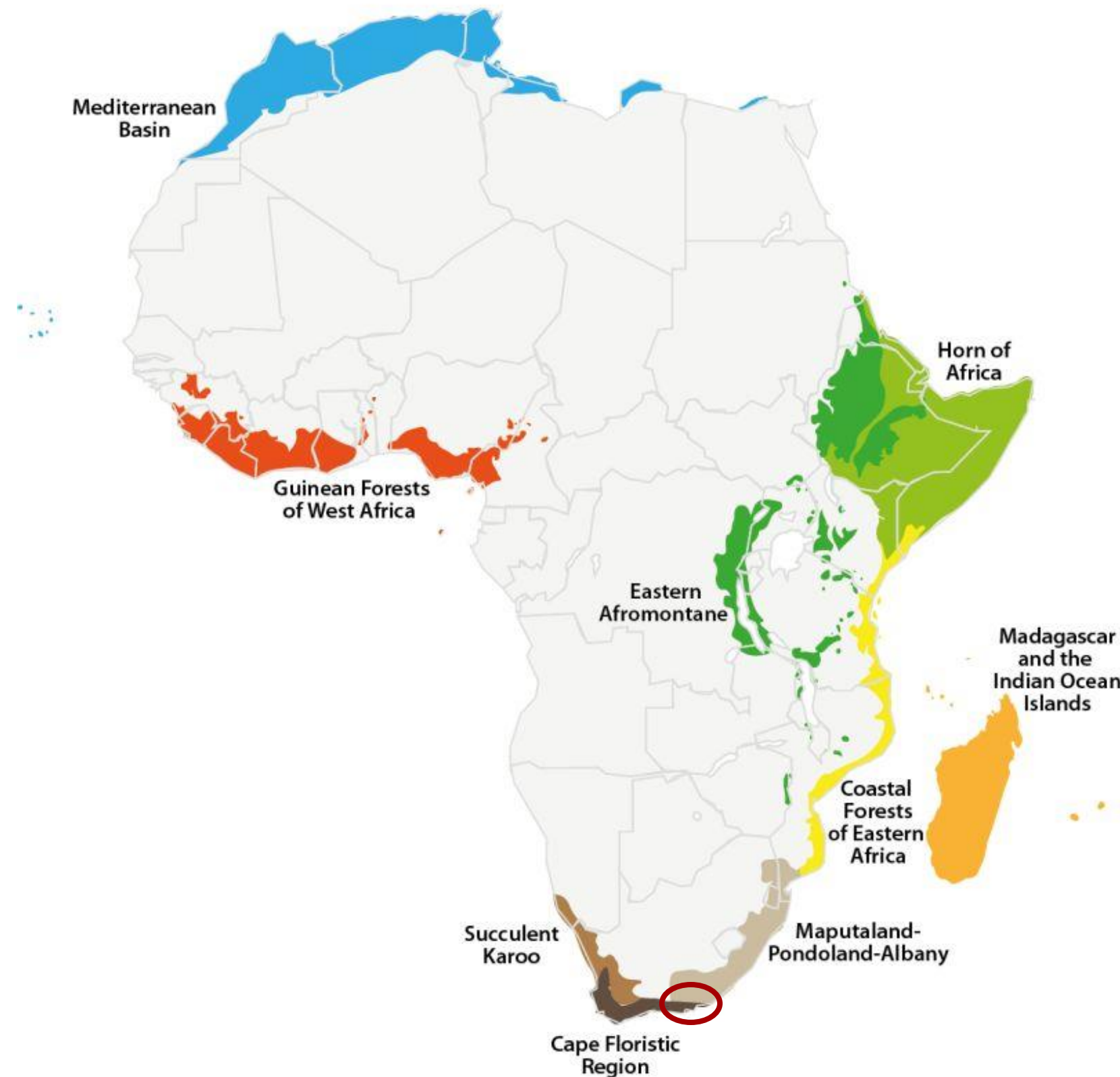


2024
400 players in Ubuntu
Cup



2024
9 x working gardens
feeding communities

Africa's Biodiversity Hotspots



Biodiversity Hotspots

We work in the Eastern Cape of South Africa at the convergence point of two, out of 36 global, biodiversity hotspots, where the Cape Floristic Kingdom meets the Maputuland, Pondoland, Albany biosphere.

These biodiversity hotspots comprise only 2.5% of the Earth's surface, but are home to almost half the world's endemic bird, mammal, reptile and amphibian species.

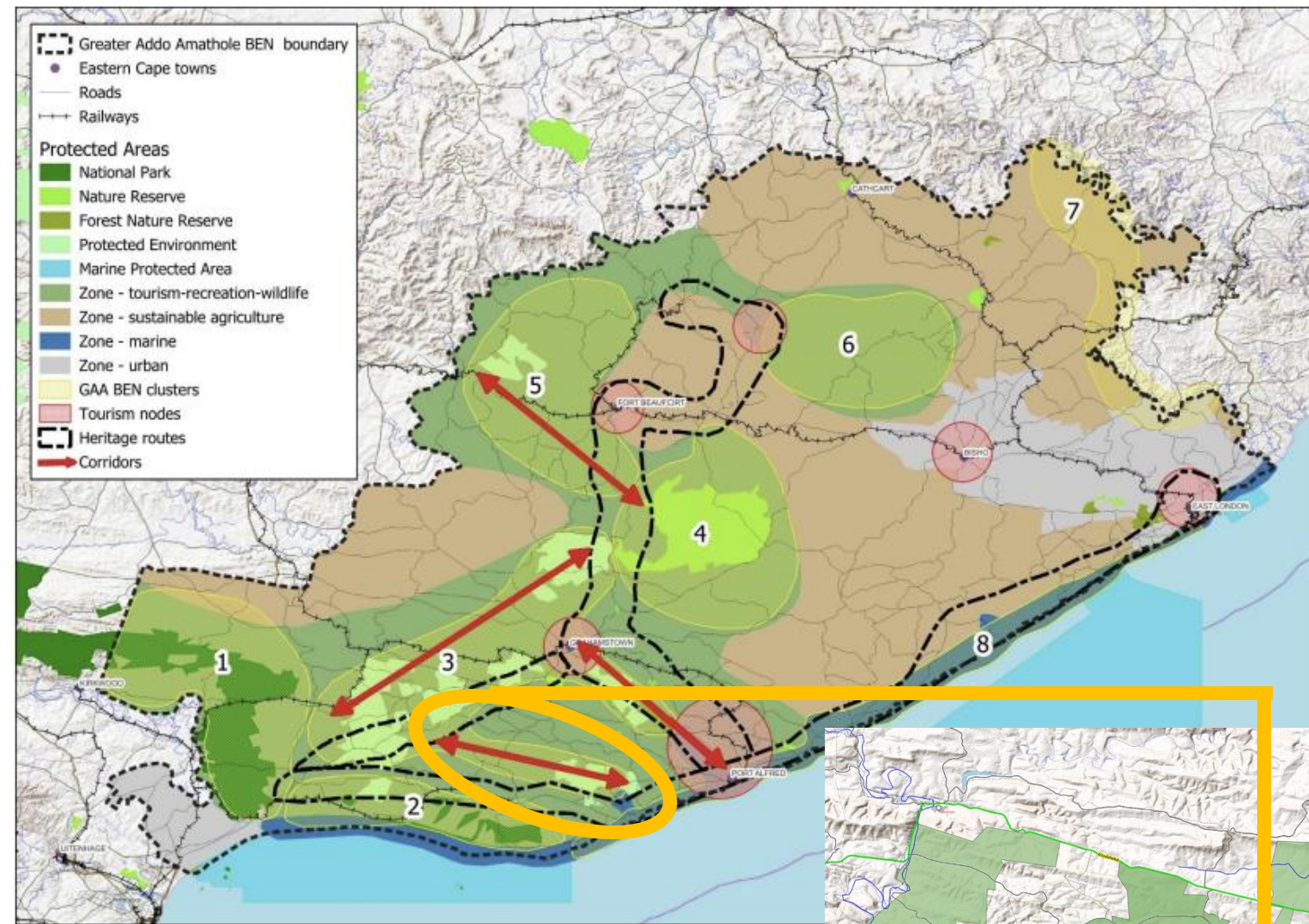
A biodiversity hotspot must support at least 1500 endemic plants, with less than 30% of the original vegetation currently protected.

Biodiversity hotspots are irreplaceable, critical to our survival and currently threatened.

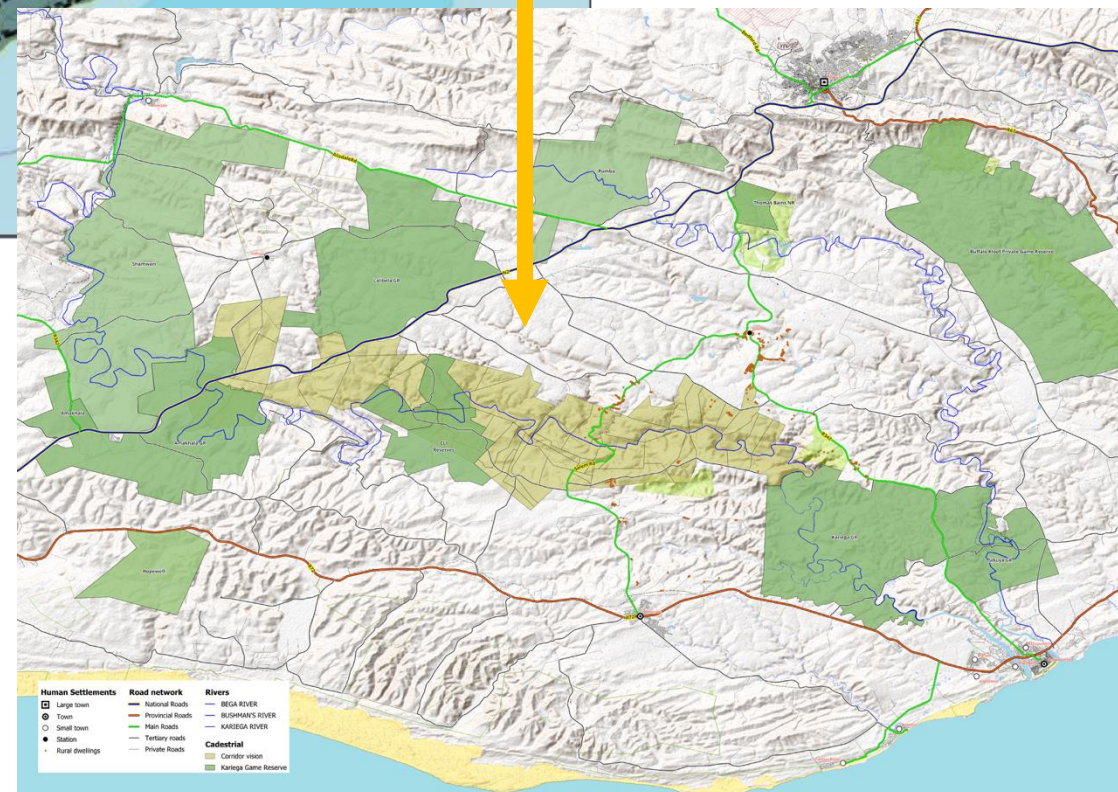
The global target is to have at least 30% of habitat in biodiverse hotspots protected and under conservation management by 2030.

Consequently, the Eastern Cape has been identified as a national priority with many stakeholders working together on the creation of the Addo to Amatole Biodiversity Economy Node (BEN).

As part of this vision, Kariega Game Reserve, in partnership with the Kariega Foundation, will continue to contribute to land expansion and the formation of ecological corridors to strengthen biodiversity while supporting conservation and community-based economic opportunities.



Integrated prioritisation Greater Addo-Amathole Biodiversity Economy Node (BEN), Extracted from BEN draft Master Plan 2025



Minimum viable area of the Bushman's River corridor, illustrating the location of Kariega Game Reserve in relation to the BEN Master Plan

Greater Addo - Amathole Biodiversity Economy Node

The Greater Addo-Amathole Biodiversity Economy Node (GAA BEN) Master Plan is a strategic framework that integrates biodiversity conservation with economic development to ensure sustainable livelihoods, ecosystem resilience, and long-term prosperity. It outlines governance and institutional arrangements, identifies key biodiversity-linked industries (such as wildlife, tourism, agriculture, and bioprospecting), and sets out the enabling environment required for growth.

The plan promotes a sustainable biodiversity economy through synergies between conservation, community development, and economic sectors, structured around integrated spatial clusters for ecotourism, marine and coastal livelihoods, agri-business, and urban development. These clusters form the basis for collaborative investment in infrastructure, skills, and market access.

Aligned with the White Paper on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of South Africa's Biodiversity (2023), the draft National Biodiversity Economy Strategy (2024), the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and SANParks Vision 2040, the Master Plan provides a tool for government, businesses, communities, NGOs, and researchers to drive conservation-driven innovation and sustainable development.

The specific focus area for Kariega Game Reserve and the Kariega Foundation is the Bushmans River Corridor.



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Vision and Mission



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To be a united and conservation-minded community, working together to protect, preserve, and benefit our planet, people, and wildlife.

We create and implement sustainable, replicable and scalable project models to promote and support:



Protection of
biodiversity



Protection of
endangered
species



Habitat and
wildlife
conservation



Community
upliftment



Core Objectives



BIODIVERSITY

The protection of biodiversity through habitat expansion.

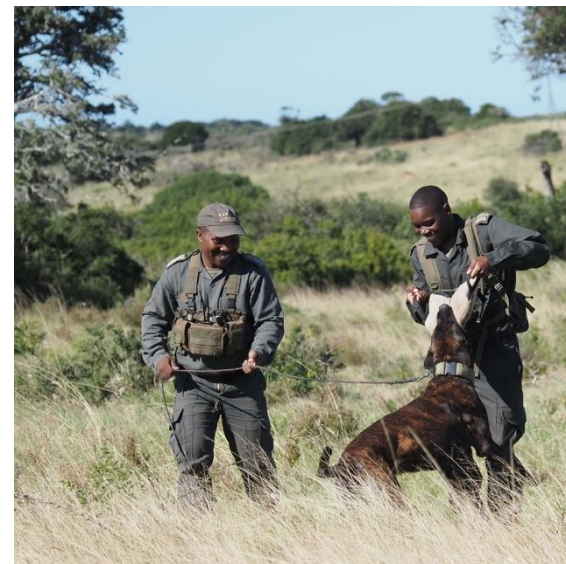
Key focus area is the identification, sustainability modelling, and acquisition of critical and biodiverse land to incorporate into the protected area.



PROTECTION

The protection of endangered species through the development of advanced technology surveillance systems and the management of a professional Anti-Poaching-Unit.

Key focus area on community skills development for job creation within wildlife protection.



CONSERVATION

Development and implementation of Habitat and Wildlife Management Plans to ensure legal compliance and the highest research-driven conservation practices.

Key focus area on community skills development for job creation and enterprise development within ecological services.



COMMUNITY

Creating programmes and projects to sustainably and consistently uplift neighbouring communities.

Key focus area on empowerment and capacitation of youth through Social and Emotional Learning, to harness skills and enterprise development opportunities for job creation.

Our Philosophy

Conservation Through Community

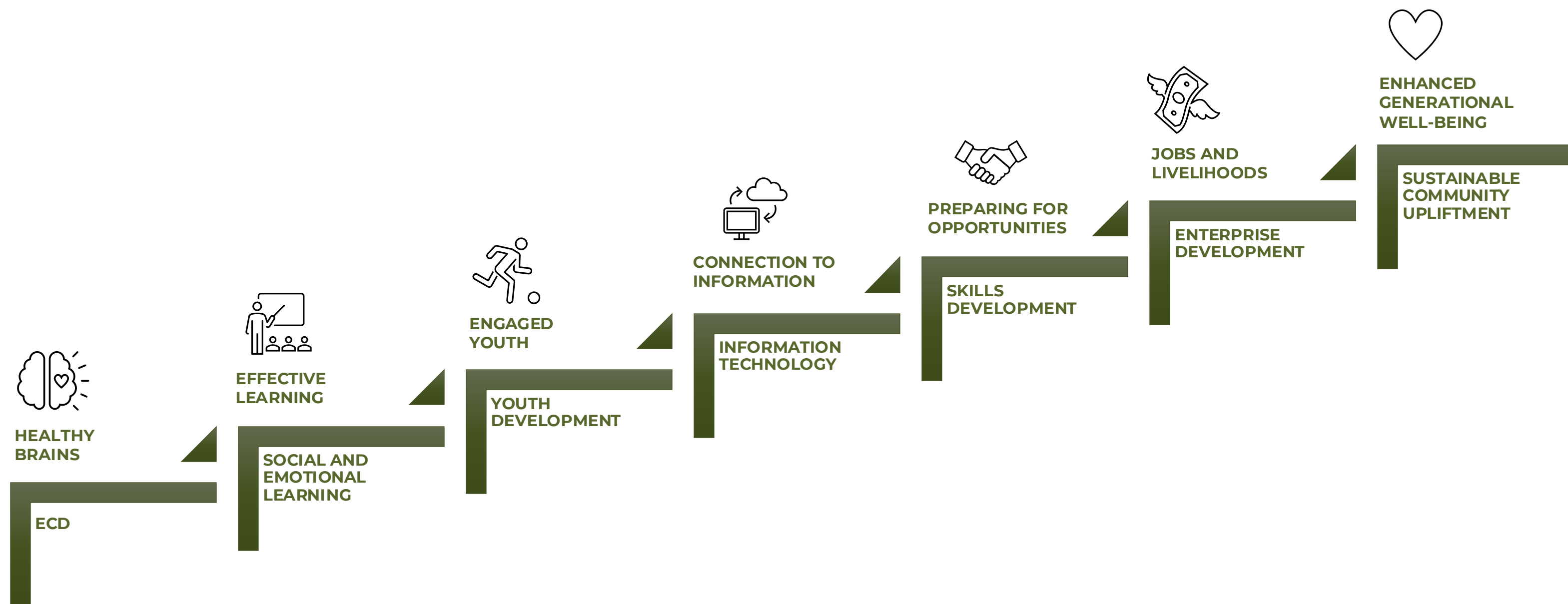
We believe that the sustainable protection of biodiverse landscapes can only be achieved when land use through eco-tourism (or other means) generates additional and sustainable revenue to fund research-driven conservation practices with tangible benefits and opportunities flowing to the communities that live in and around the protected area.

This results in communities joining conservation efforts with a common will to preserve the protected area forever.



Community : Theory of Change

Sustainable Community Upliftment : From Cradle to Career





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“Kariega Game Reserve is close to our communities. We have Big 5 and animals, especially rhinos that are endangered. We have programmes that teach the children so that they can also educate their parents that we need to take care of these animals because they are so special.

Now, the community at large is more aware that the environment is very, very important. And when we take care of the environment and the animals, they take care of us.

This is conservation through community.”

Nomawethu Ngangu
Kariega Foundation Community Manager

2024 at a Glance : Key Achievements

Conservation through Community in Action



**R14 MILLION
INVESTED**



4000
Community
Beneficiaries



678
Children in ECD
Centres



**ZERO
RHINO POACHED
SINCE 2012**



1000 learners
receiving weekly
SEL



Liggerman ECD
Centre Built and
Opened



95%
APU FROM
LOCAL
COMMUNITIES



2 x
Computer Hubs –
30 laptops



81 Skills
Development
Learnerships
Awarded



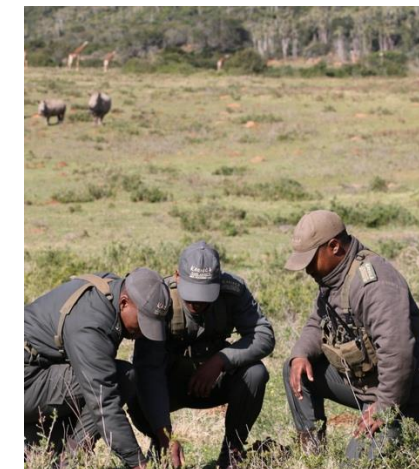
322 Community
Animals Received
Veterinary Care



1200
HECTARES OF
BIODIVERSITY
PROTECTED



2 Nomadic
Male
Lions
Introduced



400
Players in
Ubuntu Cup



Trustees



Antony Wannell

Chairman and Trustee

Passionate conservationist and experienced entrepreneur with a drive to make a difference in the Eastern Cape. Career highlights include:

- 20 years as a board member of the Endangered Wildlife Trust, including serving as deputy chairman.
- 27 years building an entrepreneurial trading business.
- Management of a property portfolio focused on student accommodation.

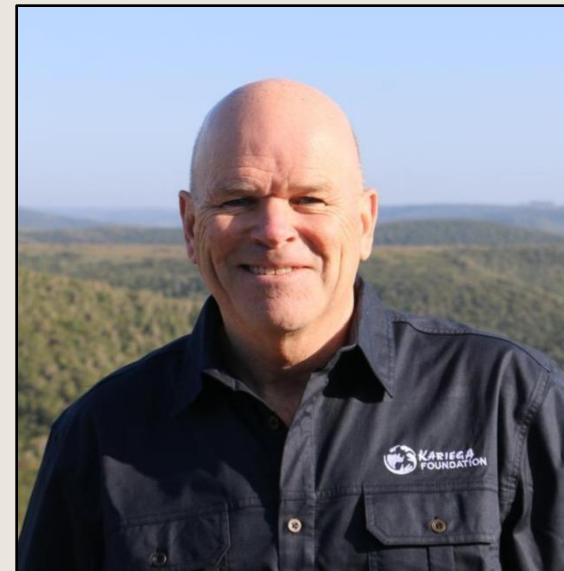


Lindy Sutherland

CEO and Trustee

Family owner in Kariega Game Reserve, with a deep love for nature and people. She is particularly driven to achieve the sustainable upliftment of communities through the holistic investment in youth. Her career highlights include:

- Co-authoring the COOL TO BE ME, SEL curriculum.
- Developing the SACE accredited SEL CPTD course.
- Co-authoring The Coolplay Way – coaching with SEL.
- SEL training and mentorship.



Graeme Rushmere

Trustee

Family owner in Kariega Game Reserve with a background in commercial law, business management, hospitality and wildlife conservancies. He is passionate about the Eastern Cape – the landscape, people and wildlife. Career highlights include:

- Founding partner, Harty Rushmere Law.
- PEG Retail Group – Executive and consultant.
- Co-CEO and Chairman of the Kariega Group.
- Trustee of the Kariega Foundation since its inception in 2009.



Manuel Koser

Trustee

A seasoned entrepreneur and business leader in e-commerce, technology, and venture capital. Career highlights include:

- Co-founded and MD of Silvertree Brands.
- Co-founder and CEO of Zando in South Africa and Jumia in Nigeria.
- Non-executive director at FIN, (a credit, savings, and insurance provider) and several tech and venture-backed startups, including Ozow and Old Mutual's corporate venture capital fund, Next176.



Imraan Soomra

Trustee

An ethics-driven leader driving stakeholder value by shifting from traditional capitalism to profit with purpose. Career highlights include:

- CEO of EASE Holdings.
- CEO at Global Fishing.
- 30 years of extensive experience across diverse industries at senior executive level.

Imraan resonates with organisations and individuals focused on addressing socio-economic, race, gender and religious imbalances.



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Project Highlights

Biodiversity

Habitat Expansion

Kariega Game Reserve incorporated an additional 277 hectares (2.77 km²). Although relatively small, the acquisition consists of two strategically located properties with pristine Albany thicket, an ideal habitat for black rhino, as well as valuable shrub forest along the riverine areas. Importantly, this addition demonstrates how marginal agricultural land can be transitioned into conservation, while more productive farmland remains dedicated to agriculture.

Of equally significance, the acquisition enabled Kariega to shift part of its northern boundary from a difficult-to-maintain area to higher ground. This adjustment improved the reserve's core-to-edge ratio, reducing the risk of animal breakouts and mitigating human-wildlife conflict. It also created opportunities for more natural, cyclic movements of elephants and apex predators within the reserve.

Since its founding year of 1989, Kariega Game Reserve has acquired a total of 24 farms, and rewilded this critically important ecological environment into a 12 000 hectare protected area . In partnership with the Kariega Foundation a sustainable protection and conservation plan is in place bringing tangible opportunities, well-being and development to neighbouring communities who have joined our conservation efforts.

This is a powerful example of regenerative tourism supporting an biodiversity economy.



Biodiversity

Key benefits and ecological value of land expansion

- Expansion enhances reserve geometry (shape), improving the core-to-edge ratio and reducing edge effects.
- Facilitates natural animal movement and ecological processes at a landscape scale.
- Restores ecological dynamics while lowering anthropogenic pressures on boundaries.
- Supports authentic natural processes: dispersal, migration, predator-prey interactions, vegetation succession.
- Increases habitat availability, reducing mega-herbivore density pressures and vegetation degradation.
- Lowers predator conflicts (lions, cheetahs), reducing mortality and stabilising carnivore populations.
- Strengthens the ecological foundation for future land acquisitions and long-term conservation planning.
- Boosts resilience against disturbances (drought, disease, climate shocks).
- Improves predator-prey balance, supporting vegetation structure and ecosystem health.
- Expands habitat diversity, benefiting specialist species (e.g., black rhino) and wide-ranging species (e.g., leopards).
- Enhances protection of freshwater systems and ecosystem services (water quality, nutrient cycling, habitat provisioning).
- Increases capacity for monitoring and protection of vulnerable species.
- Overall, expansion provides qualitative ecological value beyond size, ensuring biodiversity persistence, ecosystem function, and resilience.



Protection

Save The Rhino

The Kariega Foundation governs the strategic development and advancement of the Anti-Poaching efforts on Kariega Game Reserve, including a professional and well-resourced Anti-Poaching-Unit (APU); K9 Unit; application of advanced surveillance technology and continued implementation of dehorning and collaring programme.

Due to sensitive and confidential nature of this work no detailed information can be shared.

High-level Project Highlights

- Zero rhino poached since 2012.
- 95% of the APU team are from communities surrounding Kariega Game Reserve.
- Low staff turnover has contributed to operational consistency, improved morale and stability in the team
- Strong leadership and management skills, contributing to team coordination and efficiency.
- Excellent training of K9 unit and handlers, resulting in more effective operations.
- The team passed polygraph testing, reinforcing confidence in their integrity and commitment.



Conservation

Alien Plant Control

Supporting species conservation is an ongoing habitat management programme, with a strong focus on the control and removal of invasive, alien plant species. Our trained team of Alien Plant Control Technicians,, developed through our youth employment and skills development initiatives, uses technology to map and manage invasive species such as wattle, blue gum, and port jackson. Ongoing site monitoring ensures long-term ecosystem recovery.

Areas and Invasive Species Progress

Species	Area (km ²)	Application Stage	Type of Treatment
Acacia mearnsii	0,24	Initial Control (0,10km ²) & Follow-up Control (0,14km ²)	Mechanical & Chemical
Eucalyptus spp.	0,20	First Control	Mechanical & Chemical
Eucalyptus spp.	0,004	Follow-up	Mechanical & Chemical
Lantana camara	0,30	Initial Control (0,08km ²) & Follow-up Control (0,22km ²)	Chemical
Opuntia ficus-indica	0,29	Initial Control (0,014km ²) & Follow-up Control (0,28km ²)	Chemical
Opuntia stricta	0,11	Follow-up Control	Chemical
Pinus spp.	0,16	Initial Control	Mechanical & Chemical

Alien Plant Control Project Highlights

- Intensive eradication of specifically three opuntia species on Kariega East.
- Removal of alien plant species, has opened new areas to stimulate the recovery of biodiversity
- Recent habitat expansion has enabled ecological restoration in a previously inaccessible part of the reserve.



Conservation

Inspiring Story

The Alien Plant Control (APC) programme stands as a testament to what is possible when opportunity, mentorship, and purpose converge. Since its inception, the program has consistently welcomed recruits from the local communities that border the reserve. Each year, a fresh intake of candidates is selected for a transformative journey. Through a structured combination of professional courses and intensive in-house training, they gain the knowledge and practical abilities needed to work with precision, care, and safety in some of the most demanding field conditions.

What makes the APC Programme truly unique is its dual purpose: not only does it enable the reserve to manage invasive plant species effectively, but it also acts as a launchpad for personal growth. Within this system, hard work does not go unnoticed. Those who show commitment, initiative, and leadership are identified for further development, whether through advanced conservation training or new roles within the broader reserve management framework.

At the core of this dynamic structure are the four permanent APC team members, seasoned individuals who have risen through the very same ranks. With years of field experience behind them, they now serve as mentors, investing time and energy into nurturing the next generation. Their passion is contagious, their guidance invaluable. They know the terrain, both physical and personal, and they understand that instilling a sense of purpose in recruits is just as important as teaching them to handle tools and identify plant species.

Their hope is simple yet profound: that the new team members will not only develop technical skills but will grow to understand the environmental significance of their work, that each cleared hectare is a gift to biodiversity, each repaired ecosystem a legacy.



Protected Species

We work with two endangered species lists:

- 1. Internationally: The Red Data List under the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- 2. Locally: The Threatened or Protected Species List (TOPS) under the National Environment Management Biodiversity Act (NEMBA-Act 10 of 2004).

The total number of species currently listed on Kariega Game Reserve is 1251 of which 85 are under some form of protection, with 34 species listed under both the RED DATA LIST and TOPS, while a further 8 species are listed only on TOPS and 43 species listed only on the RED DATA LIST.

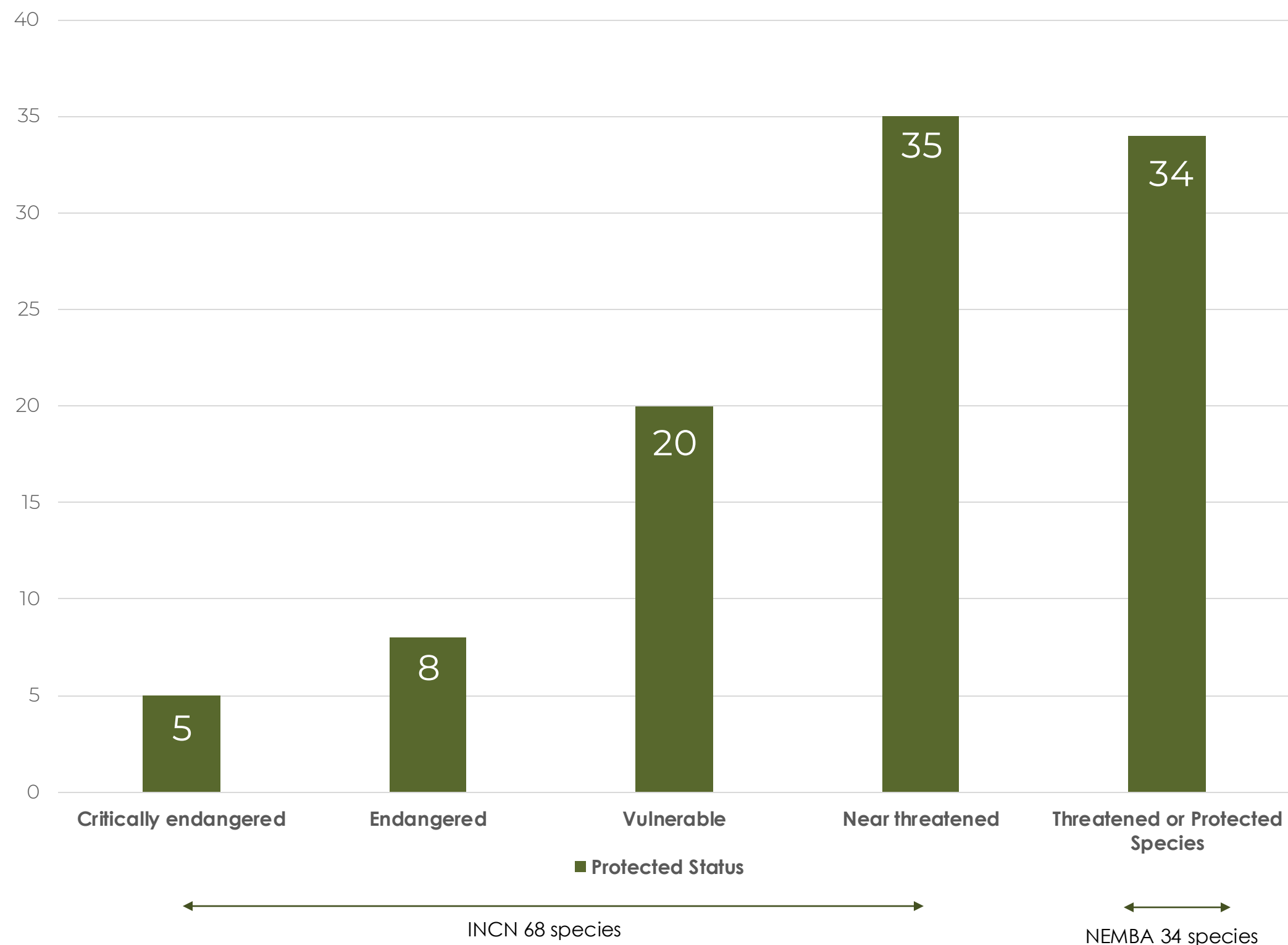
Total Species Breakdown

The table gives a breakdown of the total species richness, by life form groups, present and assessed to date on Kariega Game Reserve and the number of species in each category with some level of protection under the IUCN and NEMBA, respectively.

Species Group	Number of recorded species	IUCN-Red List	NEMBA-TOPS / SANBI
Mammals	109	19	16
Birds	334	23	8
Fish	57	8	0
Reptiles	64	1	2
Amphibians	15	0	0
Invertebrates	Not yet determined	2	0
Plants	672	15	8
Total	1251	68	34



Species by Protection Status



Critically Endangered Species

- Black Rhino
- White backed Vulture
- Esturine Pipefish
- Hottentots boegoe
- *Euphorbia bupleurifolia* – Newly discovered

Endangered Species

- Mountain reedbuck
- Martial Eagle
- Dusky Cob
- White Steenbras
- Albany Adder
- Inquieta Spiny-backed Spider
- Cape Dwarf Eelgrass
- Eastern Province Rocky

Note: The white rhinoceros is currently listed as near threatened. However, they are currently the most targeted animal by poachers and at risk of quickly moving up the list to endangered.

Conservation

Current Research Projects

In addition to delivering on a busy annual, ecology calendar across wildlife and habitat management, our ecology team also facilitates the following research projects in collaboration with numerous partner organisations and academic institutions:

- Social dynamics and animal health – Elephant Reintegration Trust (ERT).
- Effects of landscape expansion on group associations, spatial utilisation & stress hormones - Bring The Elephants Home (BTEH).
- Black and White rhino monitoring focused on habitat selection, associations, habits, conditions, population dynamics, breakout and poaching risk.
- Lion monitoring focused on prey preferences, habitat selection, associations, population dynamics and breakout risk.
- Cheetah monitoring focused on prey preferences, habitat selection, interactions, population dynamics and breakout risk.
- Leopard research in partnership with NMU and other INDALO reserves on a PhD leopard study to help determine the region's population dynamics, range use and prey selection using camera trapping and genetic data.
- River systems research, understanding macroinvertebrate diversity and changes across a salinity gradient in the Bushman's River Estuary, Eastern Cape. – Tshwane University of Technology.
- Integrating community values and principles into conservation approaches for human-elephant landscapes - University of KwaZulu-Natal and Bring The Elephant Home (BTEH).



Community

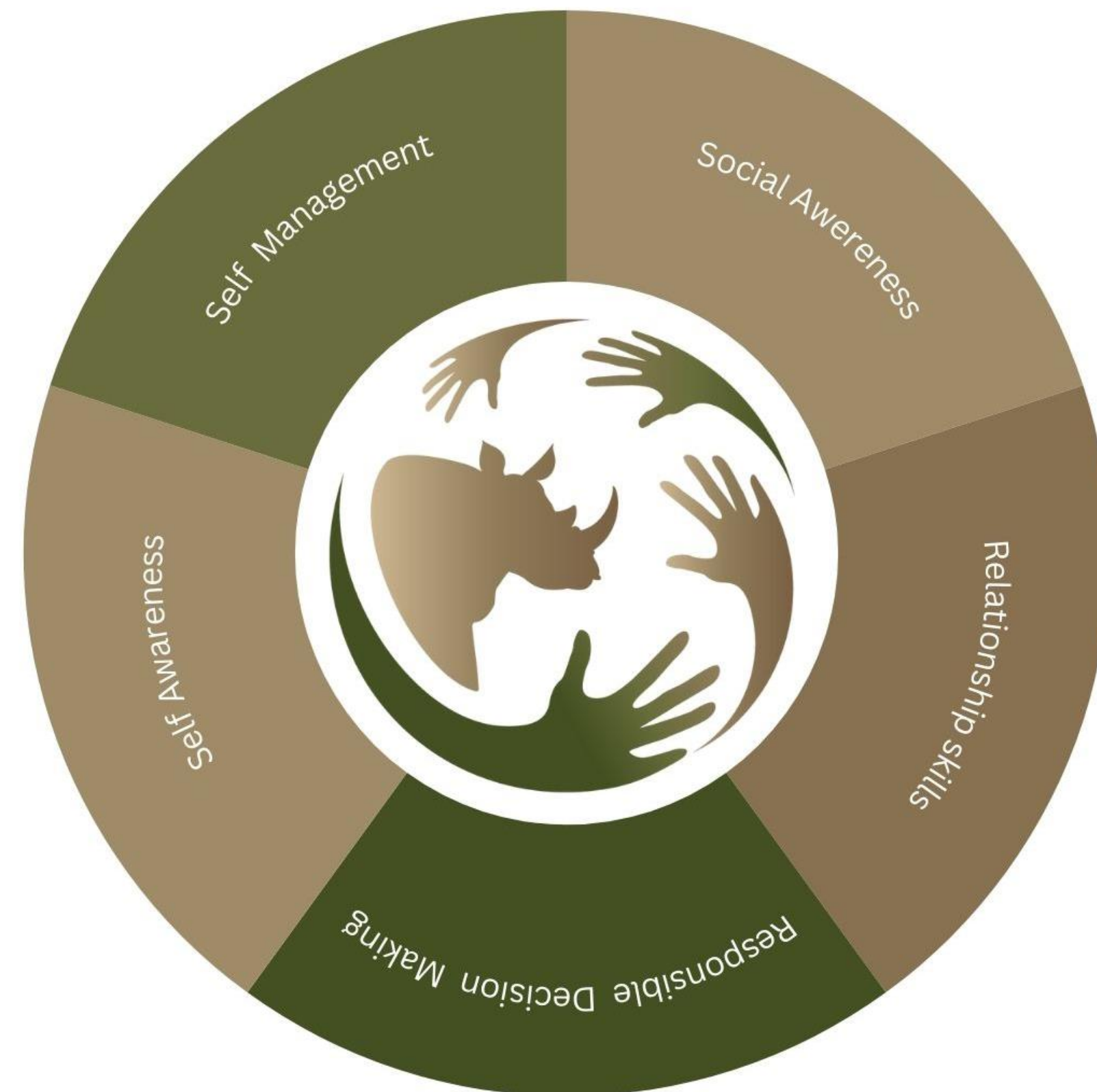
Education

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

Item	Total	Ekuphumleni	Marselle
Schools Participating	2	Ekuphumleni	Nompucuko
Number of SEL Facilitators	6	3	3
Learners Reached	894	505	389
Grades Covered	13	Grade 1-7	Grade 1 – 6
SEL Sessions per Week	46	25	21
Phys Ed Sessions per Week	22	14	8
Curriculum Used		SEL competencies. Building Blocks -Red, Blue and Green. CTBF,CTC,CTBM	SEL competencies. Building Blocks -Red, Blue and Green. CTBF,CTC,CTBM

Benefits to learners

- Development of emotional literacy (EQ), relationship-building, and conflict resolution skills.
- Enhanced classroom management through:
 - The introduction of emotional language and safe communication practices.
 - Improved learner behaviour and readiness to learn.
 - Positive shifts in classroom dynamics and academic outcomes.
- Increased learner focus, motivation, and resilience, contributing to academic performance and emotional well-being.
- Promotion of empathy, inclusion, and respect for diversity, fostering a more equitable learning environment.
- Integration of critical life skills such as self-awareness, decision-making, and problem-solving to navigate real-world challenges.



Community

Education

Social and Emotional Learning

SEL Highlights

- Partner schools have fully integrated SEL into their annual teaching plans, making it a standard part of the timetable.
- A growing number of educators have enrolled in the online SACE-accredited SEL training, showing a deeper commitment to embedding SEL in classroom practice.
- The impact of SEL in the workplace is clearly visible within our Youth Development Practitioner (YDP) team, leading to improved teamwork, emotional intelligence, and productivity.
- Parents are noticing changes in their children's behaviour and academic engagement, attributing to improved academic performance and school attendance.

Inspiring Stories

1. Klipfontein Primary School, initially hesitant to integrate SEL, recently requested to rejoin the programme after recognising a noticeable decline in learner behaviour and classroom dynamics. They have requested that their entire teaching staff be enrolled in the SACE-accredited online SEL course, eager to bring the benefits of emotional learning back into the school environment.
2. A grade 4 learner was an over energetic boy lacking self-control and self-regulation. After learning SEL skills like self-regulation and empathy, he began to manage his emotions better. He started using the deep breathing exercises when feeling overwhelmed and participated in active listening. As a result, his relationship with peers and educators improved, and he became known as a kind and thoughtful classmate. (Reflections from our Youth Development Practitioners)



Reflections on SEL

Olwethu Sizani (Coach Oza)

"It has been the best opportunity to teach Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) to learners at Nompucuko Combined School. SEL has helped children, youth, and community members shift perspectives by improving self-awareness, regulating emotions, and setting and achieving goals. In Term-1 we focused on self-awareness, self-regulation, and goal-directed behaviour, helping learners develop everyday life skills. They are now more mindful, able to calm themselves, practice active listening, and understand emotions in themselves and others.

As we moved into social awareness, relationship skills, and decision-making, learners embraced diversity, showed empathy, and valued teamwork. Through one-on-one conversations, group discussions, and brainstorming sessions, they learned to collaborate, solve problems, and plan with optimism. Their ability to make responsible decisions has left them thinking about the future with hope and confidence, always seeing the silver lining in challenges.

I especially love our sports programmes, both as a player and a coach of netball. The skills we've built together shine on and off the field, reflected in kindness, love, and support for one another. This spirit of Ubuntu is beautifully displayed in our league.

In our Environmental Education sessions, learners explored challenges and brainstormed solutions. Many now grow gardens at home, join clean-ups, and care for their environment. These experiences are shaping children who not only understand the world around them but also feel responsible for creating a future filled with growth, care, and potential."



Community

Education

Early Childhood Development

Category	Total	Ekuphumleni	Marselle	Klipfontein	Alexandria
ECD's Supported	17	3	5	2	7
Name of ECD Centre		Vezukhanyo Ekuphumleni Shining Stars Sunshine Early Educational	Masibulele Kamvelihle Lukhanyo Liggerman (Siyabakha) Inkwenkwezi	Rainbow Klipfontein Kleuterskool	Siyabulela Mommy's Alexandria Cresh Sakhisizwe Fundisa Khulisa Siyakhulisa
Number of Children	678	160	239	50	229
Number of practitioners	65	13	17	7	28
Nutrition Support		1 x vegetable garden at Vezukhanyo	1 x Vegetable garden at Liggerman	None	None
Jungle Gym constructed	7	2	1	1	3
Educational resources provided	Donations received e.g. books, stationary and educational resources/toys	Donations received	Donations received	Donations received	None



Community

Education

Early Childhood Development

ECD Highlights

- 9 ECD Centres were supported with donations of stationery, art supplies and educational toys.
- Expanded programme implementation into the Alexandria area, increasing our community reach and service footprint.
- Successfully built and installed jungle gyms at five Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres:
 - Three in Alexandria (two at Wenzel Park, one at KwaNonqubela)
 - One in Klipfontein
 - Two in Ekuphumleni
- These installations have significantly enhanced safe outdoor play and gross motor development opportunities for young learners.

Inspiring Story

Janet and Steve Lightly have run Cymbidium Farm School in Cape Town for decades. This passion for ECD coupled with their love for the Eastern Cape motivated them to reach out to us and start this jungle gym initiative. The first structure was built with their son Gabe. They then used the second jungle gym as an opportunity to teach the skills to a local carpenter – uplifting schools and transferring skills and creating job opportunities. Calvin has subsequently built two jungle gyms per month this year!

The installation of jungle gyms has had an immediate and positive impact on the children at participating ECD centres. For many of these young learners, this is their first opportunity to engage in structured, safe outdoor play. The equipment provides not only physical development benefits but also supports social interaction, coordination, and emotional well-being.



Community Legacy Project

Liggerman Education Centre

Early Childhood Development

Legacy Projects are born when the dreams of the community speak to the hearts of a donor, and a united vision is established.

The Liggerman Education Centre was the dream of a group of young mothers from the Marselle community and Ron Small, founder of US based, Save the Children foundation, via Helping Rhinos, a long-time friend and partner of the Kariega Foundation.

The site of the ECD Centre was selected because the children of the young mothers did not have access to a school and the women did not have the opportunity to find work and provide for their families. This cycle of poverty needed to be addressed.

It took almost two years of collaborating with the Ndlambe Municipality and local Marselle leadership to find an erf for the school and another year to build the school, which opened in January 2025 with 30 registered learners! Thank you to our local authorities for their guidance and support.

The Liggerman Education Centre is owned and managed by a community non-profit organisation. The committee is mentored by the Kariega Foundation, receiving structured support until they are registered with the Department of Basic Education and become self-sustaining.

This legacy project has been a huge, heart-warming success. Thank you to our donors and the Liggerman Education Centre committee.



Community

Welfare

Special Needs Education

Prior to launching this project, children with disabilities or special needs in our communities had been completely neglected and their families and caregivers unsupported. On meeting Randy Steen, a guest visiting Kariega Game Reserve who is now project donor and mentor, we learnt that with the right therapies and interventions, children with special needs can reach their fullest potential and grow into adults with skills that contribute to their families and communities.

Our immediate goal was to create greater awareness and educate our communities about the challenges faced by these children and their families so that we might show them greater love, care and support.

This quickly resulted in the re-opening of the Special Needs School, Eluthandweni, with 13 learners and 3 practitioners. The school needed support which has been extended in the form of monthly stipends for staff; transport of learners and food support. This year we also concluded an extensive renovation of the school to create a second classroom and establish a vegetable garden. Many teaching resources from Randy and other guests / organisations have also been donated to the school.

Thanks to these efforts, these children have been brought out of the shadows and into the light and love of the whole community – a true example of the power of ubuntu. Visiting Eluthandweni Special Needs School is food for the soul.

The ultimate objective of this project is to mentor the school towards meeting all criteria that will enable it to qualify for a government grant and become self-sustaining.



Community

Welfare

Special Needs School Project Highlights

- Learner enrolment increased from 9 to 13 learners, reflecting growing community trust.
- Classroom renovations have created a more supportive and stimulating learning environment.
- Children are beginning to build friendships and engage socially with one another.
- A new jungle gym was installed, promoting physical activity and play-based learning.
- Classroom furniture has been purchased, creating a more structured and comfortable setting for learning.

Inspiring Story

At Eluthandweni Special Needs School, a remarkable transformation is taking place—not only in the lives of the learners, but within their families and community. Over time, a strong, supportive network has developed among parents, creating a united circle of care around the school. Parents who once felt isolated now share experiences, encouragement, and hope with one another.

Many have begun to recognise the abilities of their children in ways they never imagined, often expressing surprise and joy at their growing independence. “I never thought my child could cope on their own or outside our home,” one parent shared. “But now I see them learning and growing every day.”

This shift is rippling through families, with siblings forming deeper bonds and taking a more active role in supporting their brothers and sisters. The result is stronger family connections, a more inclusive home environment, and a community that believes in the potential of every child.



Reflections on Education

Noma Ngangqu (Community Manager)

"The ECD programme is steadily growing, supporting 17 centres across Kanton (Ekuphumleni, Marselle, Klipfontein) and Alexandria (Wenzel Park, KwaNonqubela). These centres serve over 650 children, supported by 65 practitioners. Each school typically has a supervisor, two practitioners, and a cook, providing children with safe care, healthy meals, and a strong educational foundation.

Parents value the centres not only for the care and learning provided but also for the sense of security and pride they bring to the community. The programme has also created much-needed jobs, while ongoing teacher training empowers practitioners with skills to prepare children for preschool and beyond.

The special needs education is a new initiative that has transformed community perceptions of children with special needs. In the past, many families felt shame and kept their children hidden. Today, the school provides a safe, nurturing space where learners are cared for, loved, and taught practical skills for the future. Parents express deep gratitude for the peace of mind and opportunities the school offers, while the project has also created employment. Slowly, the community is beginning to treat children with special needs with greater acceptance and dignity.

Our programmes reinforces community values and strengthens cultural identity, reminding members of the importance of belonging and connection. By fostering pride and social bonds, it contributes to a stronger, more resilient community."



Community

Youth Development

Our Youth Development Programme is an after-schools programme focused on engaging our youth in positive activities that foster personal, community and environmental well-being. It includes three core focus areas:

- 1. Sport development
- 2. Information Technology
- 3. Environmental Education

Youth Development - Sport

The sport development programme includes training and skills development for players from U11 to U17 in soccer, netball, tennis, or rugby.

Dedicated and skilled coaches facilitate regular afternoon practices in preparation for participation in the Ubuntu Cup – the local youth sports league launched and sponsored by the Kariega Foundation. This programme provides kids with an ‘after-school-safe-haven’ and an opportunity to grow and live their passion.

Sports Programme	Total	Ekuphumleni	Marselle
Registered Youth (Total)	466	244	222
Number of boys	360	175	185
Number of girls	106	69	37
Coaches	11	9	2
Monthly training sessions	72	48	24



Community

Youth Development – Sport

Ubuntu Cup League

The Ubuntu Cup is a youth sports league, founded and sponsored by the Kariega Foundation, facilitating healthy competition, team spirit, skills-building, and ubuntu-values-based sports participation across communities.

Ubuntu Cup	Total	Tennis	Soccer	Netball
Youth (Total)	550	33	352	165
Number of boys	344	23	311	10
Number of girls	206	10	18	180
Coaches	21	1	12	8
Monthly training sessions	252	12	120	120
Matches played				

Sports Development Project Highlights

- The first official Ubuntu League matches were successfully played in Alexandria, marking a significant milestone for the expansion of the programme.
- Increased interest from the community is evident, with more teams registering to participate in the league.
- Discussions are underway with Ndlambe Soccer and Netball Associations to have the Ubuntu Cup League recognised as the official Ndlambe Youth Development League. This alignment with SAFA and Netball South Africa would expand youth access to structured pathways and national exposure.



Community

Youth Development - Sport

Inspiring Stories

1. "In the Ubuntu Cup League, the spirit of *Ubuntu* shone through as players united, supported one another, and embodied values of empathy, respect, and community which earned admiration from both the community and opponents." (Reflection from our YDPs)
2. A parent of one of the players selected for the Denmark tournament reached out, expressing a desire to stay informed and involved in future Kariega Foundation events. Motivated by gratitude, they want to give back to the community and contribute to the growth of the programme. This illustrates how the Ubuntu League is beginning to extend its impact beyond players, engaging families and fostering a culture of community upliftment.
3. The Ubuntu Cup League is proving to be a catalyst for holistic youth development. Beyond our eleven soccer players preparing to represent South Africa in Denmark, two netball players, a coach (Noma, U19), and a manager (Oza, Senior) have been selected to represent the Sarah Baartman District at the 2025 National Games. This affirms that the programme creates real pathways for success, not just for players but also for coaches and support staff.



Reflections on Sport

Khaya Ngangqu – Youth Development Manager

“We have seen a big increase in community members engaging with our sports development programme. People are asking about how it’s structured, talking about the positive impact it has had, and many are looking for ways to get involved. In Klipfontein, we’ve even been able to reintroduce soccer/football to the community, which has been very well received.

For many young people in our communities, this programme has become their only real point of hope. It’s the only platform that is fully focused on giving them opportunities to participate, build their skills, and work toward reaching their potential.

The recent success stories from our youth in netball and soccer have inspired others, whether they are directly part of the programme or not. You can see it in the way they speak and the way they carry themselves; they are optimistic, motivated, and dreaming bigger about their future in sport. This energy is even spreading beyond our immediate communities to surrounding areas.”



Community Legacy Project

Ekuphumleni Youth Development Centre

Khayaletu Ngangqu, affectionately known as Coach Cool, is the Kariega Foundation Youth Development Manager; ex-Bafana Bafana soccer player and a community hero.

He is passionate about sport and the role it plays in youth development. When we first met Khaya, he shared his dream of a multi-purpose sports facility dedicated to youth development in his community of Ekuphumleni. He explained that his community (which over looks the Kariega River) does not have much open space for youth to play sport and they get very limited time to play on the fields at the Sports Ground because of the vibrant senior sports leagues.

With the help of donations made by the Seagull Regatta and Ferguson Family Trust, the Kariega Foundation were able to purchased a 10 000 square meter stand in Ekuphumleni. Which is set to become the home of a community owned and managed Youth Development Centre, with a multi-purpose FIFA size soccer field, two netball courts and a clubhouse with changeroom facilities.

The project is taking shape: EIAs are underway; site development plans being developed and rezoning proposals being shaped. The entire community is getting behind this project, with Fluid Architects and Peter Sulter and Son (Town Planners) doing much of the work pro-bona. Many more donors have made contributions : the Global Adventure groups via Be Moved and Freedom to Roam adventure guests, in particular.

With Khaya's dream and support from our incredible donors, partners and community we are excited about this new legacy project – Watch this space!

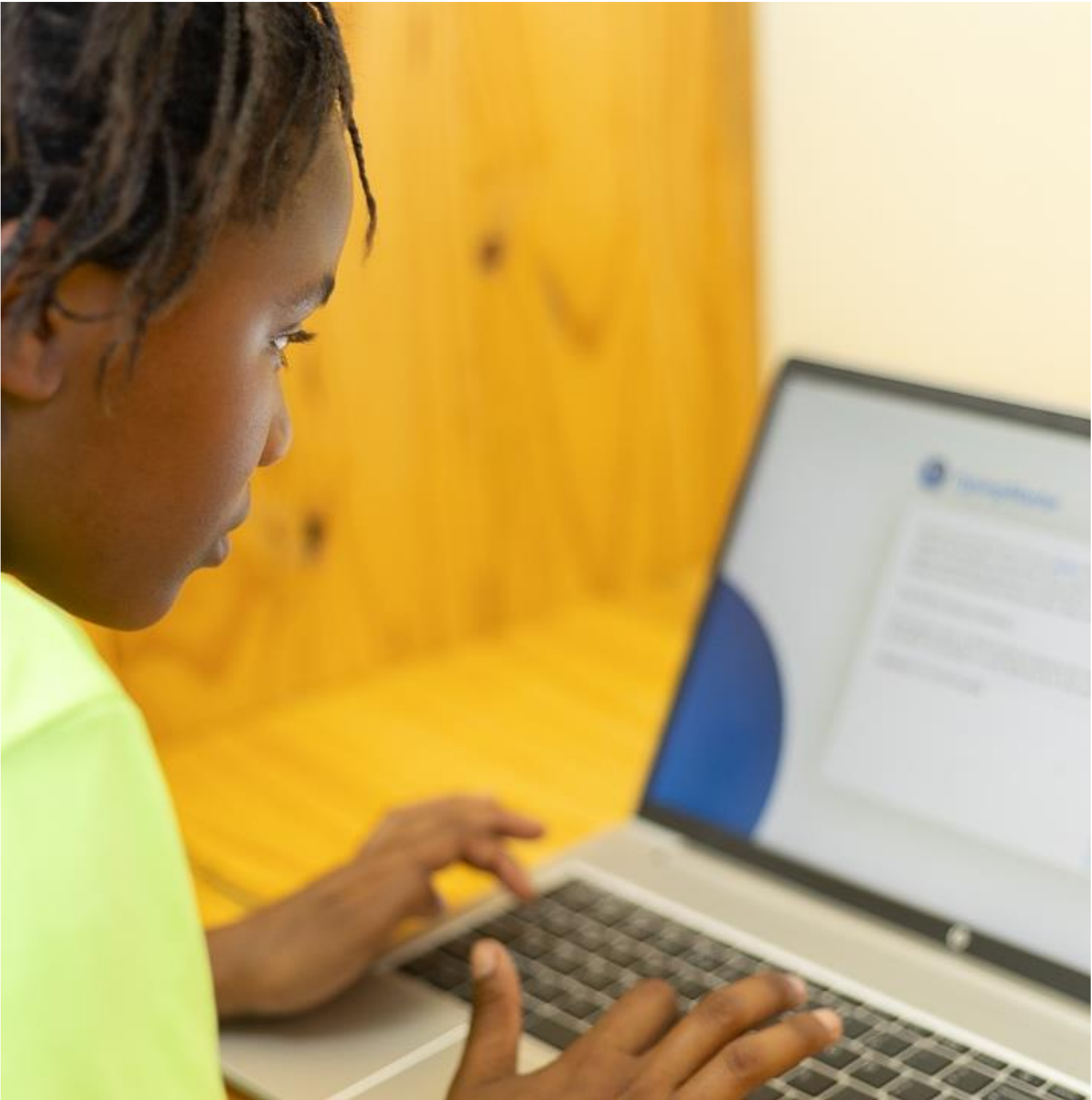


Community

Youth Development – Information Technology

The Library Computer Hub Project is a collaboration between The Kariega Foundation, Ndlambe Municipality and BBD Software Development. In 2024 we opened our second Computer Hub in Marselle. Together with the Ekuphumleni Computer Hub there are now a total of 32 computers for community members and learners to access. Each library has a full-time IT Technician and Facilitator employed to assist our community as well as facilitate IT and Robotics Clubs which are aligned with school curriculums.

COMPUTER HUBS		
	Ekuphumleni	Marselle
Library Hubs	1	1
Computers Available	18	14
IT Facilitators	1	1
List of software programmes installed for learner and community use	• Microsoft office • Microsoft teams • Inspireware • Scratch • Boats • Rangers • Typing master • Ace Code	• Microsoft office • Inspireware • Scratch • Boats • Rangers • Typing Master • Duolingo • Tanks
List of additional resources	4 x Samsung tablets	4 x Samsung tablets
Youth sessions per month (average)	25	30
Active Robotics Clubs	1	1
Youth attending Robotics Club	12	10
Number of club meets per month	4	10



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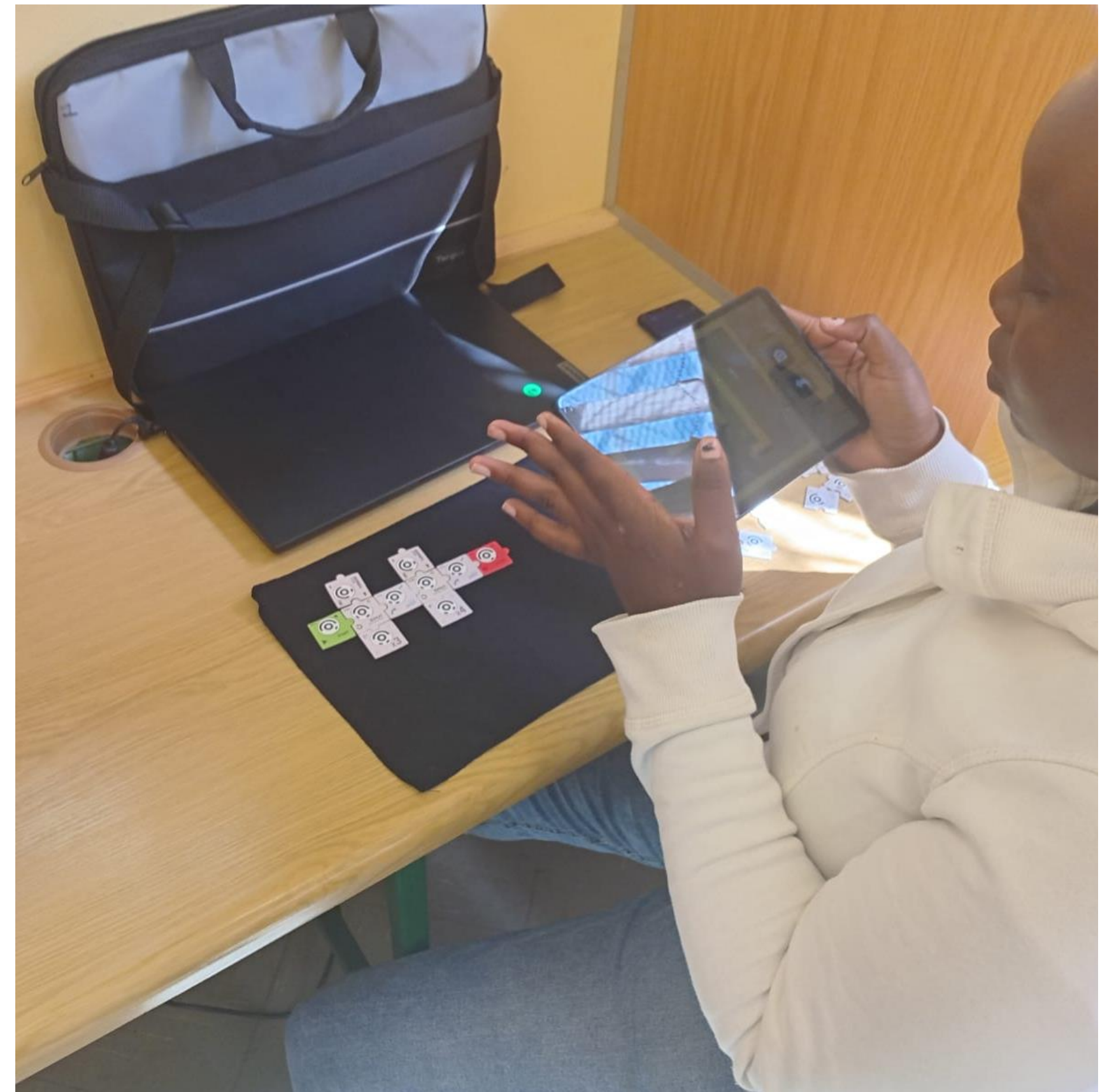
Youth Development – Information Technology

Highlights

- A second library Computer Hub opened in Marselle with 14 laptops.
- Two of our partner schools officially adopted our "School-to-Hub" curriculum, integrating it into their digital learning approach.
- Learners are actively engaged in Tinkercad (electronic simulation and design) and Scratch (block-based coding), gaining foundational coding skills.
- Completed "Intro to Coding" and "Intro to Algorithms" courses in collaboration with Tangible Africa, laying the groundwork for future content delivery.
- Introduced learners to the Arduino microcontroller platform, highlighting real-world applications of robotics and programmable electronics.

Inspiring Stories

1. During a coding training session with Tangible Africa, our team learned that coding can be taught through tangible, offline activities, an approach that is just as engaging and educational as digital methods. This opened the door to teaching coding to foundation phase learners. As a result, Mr. Boma from Ekuphumleni FS Primary invited our team to lead their Coding & Robotics curriculum, recognising the value of our inclusive, low-tech approach.
2. Following a guest visit and presentation at one of our hubs, a visitor generously shared a list of useful websites and apps to strengthen our learners' coding and IT skills. These additional resources have already started enriching learning experiences within our hubs and are being integrated into our Coding-to-Robotics Club sessions.



Reflections on IT

Sinenhlanhla Bakaqana – IT Project Coordinator and Hub Facilitator

“The Computer Hub has become an essential resource for the community. In the past, many people had to rely on others for simple tasks like creating a résumé, setting up an email, or applying for jobs—often paying money for things they could do themselves. This was mostly because of the mindset, “I can’t use a laptop.” What they didn’t realise is that they were missing out on learning one of the most important skills in the 21st century; computer literacy.

Whenever someone walks into the hub asking for help, I always tell them:

“A laptop is just a bigger version of your phone. It has an on/off button like your phone; the keyboard is the same as on your phone – it’s not as complicated as you think.”

This simple approach has made people feel more comfortable. I’ve seen community members go from not knowing how to use a laptop at all, to typing and saving their own résumés, creating emails, and applying for jobs online. The best part is getting feedback from people who proudly tell me they’ve been employed because of the skills they gained here – and all they needed from me was to double-check that everything was done correctly.

The Computer Hub is truly helping the community grow in confidence and independence, a true reflection of my slogan for the computer hubs: “Empowering the community, one click at a time.”



Community

Youth Development– Environmental Education

The Kariega Foundation Environmental Education Programme is facilitated by our YDP team with three primary goals:

- Sustainable food production through permaculture
- Waste management and cleaning up communities
- Connection to the natural world and conservation on Kariega Game Reserve

Highlights

- Children are taking ownership of daily garden care, with increased responsibility and dedication..
- A growing number of children have started backyard gardens at home, extending the impact.
- Several ECD centers are now managing the gardens with our support.

Inspiring Stories

1. One of our community gardens, established on a former construction, dump site, is now in the process of registering as a business. Their operating certificate has arrived, allowing them to sell products in local business areas. This garden is a model of environmental restoration, enterprise development, and community empowerment.
2. New home gardens were launched in Marselle and Ekuphumleni. The children's joy as they planted their first seeds was magical. Through watering, weeding, and harvesting, they learned patience, responsibility, and the satisfaction of nurturing life. Gardening sparked curiosity, creativity, and a deeper connection to nature. Seeing the literal fruits of their labour was deeply rewarding. Currently, 54 Kariega Foundation children are actively involved, with enthusiasm growing as new gardens and members join.



Community

Welfare Donations

Looking out for the elderly, sickly, children with disabilities or animals in need are all part of our welfare projects. Here our community give in abundance to ensure our community members and animals in need are looked after. Guests visiting the reserve often ‘Pack for a Purpose’, supporting our communities with open hearts. Donated items include stationary; educational games, books, and puzzles; soft toys; babies’ clothes and nappies; sports equipment and kit; school shoes and uniforms and sometimes furniture, household goods and linen.

Highlights

- 400 fleece blankets were donated to 350 registered foundation kids, 20 elderly people, 11 kids special needs children and 19 to Early Childhood Development Centres.
- Assisted a family in Marselle after the home of an 11-year-old girl was destroyed by fire.
- Donated rhino boards to Ekuphumleni primary school.
- Over 100 community animals sterilised and 108 kennels donated to dog in need of shelter.

Inspiring Stories

1. Visiting the Age-in-Action Older Persons Centre has helped identify vulnerable elderly individuals in the three communities. Through this connection, the Foundation can now visit and bring food donations from the reserve to those most in need.
2. Ongoing visits to the shack areas in Marselle and Ekuphumleni have proven invaluable. During one such visit, a 68-year-old Gogo was met, living with her two sons, one is 49 and partially blind, the other is also unwell. We donated a set of beds and mattress for her blind son, as well as food parcels and toiletries for the family.



Community

Skills Development

Through the holistic investment in our youth, we have an emerging generation of self-motivated youngsters hungry for opportunities. An increase in diverse skills development and learnership opportunities is one of our key focus areas. This is what we achieved in 2024:

Training Programme	Duration	Accreditation / Certification	Pax	Completion Rate (%)
Community-Based Field Ranger Training (CBFR)	6 weeks of Eco-Ranger Training and 12 months of internship	CATHSSETA Eco Ranger, NQF2. & PFTC Firearms competency for self-loading rifles, for business purposes	10	100%
Community-Based Field Guide Training (CBFG)	9-months learnership	FGASA Apprentice Guide, NQF2 & Drivers' licences	11	82%
Alien Plant Control Operator Training (APC)	2 weeks of training	Industrial chainsaw operator & Fire Fighting Technician	6	100%
Umuzi IT Learnership	24 months	Learnership to Internship	2	In progress
SEL SACE Training	10 months	SACE Accredited	31	In progress
Hospitality Training (hospitality pool)	Pre-training for 2 days Full training - 3 months - this training is still happening	Internal	20	On going
Legacy bursary	1 year	Post Graduate Degree	1	On-going



Reflections on Community Based Skills Development

Chris Reynecke – Ecologist

“The Kariega Foundation’s community-based skills development programmes, from Alien Plant Control to Field Ranger and Field Guide training, embody a vision for conservation to go beyond the wildlife and fences of our protected area, to invest in people and communities.

For generations, the Eastern Cape was shaped by agriculture, leaving little space for conservation careers to take root. Unlike other regions where guiding and ranging are family traditions, local communities here faced a gap in conservation knowledge and opportunity. These programmes are closing that gap by equipping local people with the skills to protect, manage, and guide in our protected areas, without relying on outside expertise.

By training and empowering individuals from neighbouring communities, we are not only addressing ecological threats and building professional capacity but also creating career pathways for personal growth and socio-economic upliftment, that leads to lower turnover and deeper investment in individuals, the quality and impact of conservation outcomes continue to grow. This is conservation rooted in community. It is about building resilience, creating opportunities, and ensuring that the future of our natural heritage is protected by those who live closest to it.”



Volunteer Programme

The Volunteer Programme moved under the management of the Kariega Foundation Trust in July 2024. It has become a critical funding pillar within the Kariega Foundation fundraising strategy, with the cost of volunteering offsetting operational costs of the projects they engage with. This is a true non-profit, volunteer experience that creates lasting, positive impact.

The Kariega Foundation Volunteer Programme offers a unique opportunity to contribute to both wildlife conservation and community development in South Africa’s Eastern Cape. Volunteers split their time between hands-on conservation work on Kariega Game Reserve and supporting education, youth, and welfare projects in local communities. The programme is about making a real impact for both people and nature, while gaining meaningful experience and skills.

Volunteers live at the Kariega Foundation Conservation Centre (KCC), a beautiful Eastern Cape farm homestead on the boundary of Kariega Game Reserve. It enjoys sweeping views of the reserve and on occasion elephant, lion or cheetah may visit the fence line – to the delight of volunteers and staff!

A highlight of this home base is the permaculture vegetable garden, which volunteers help maintain but also enjoy the harvest that supplements their meals!

Volunteer Programme Metrics	Total
Number of Volunteers	107 volunteers (July to February 2025)
Total return volunteers	5
Average Length of Stay	2 - 3 weeks (shortest 1 week, longest 5 weeks)



Volunteer Programme

Highlights

- Greater involvement in ecological data capture and monitoring.
- 149 Earth Ranger reports submitted for conservation insights.
- 27 elephant IDs updated for accurate tracking and research.
- 83 hours of Anti-Poaching support completed with the APU team.
- 4.7 km of road cleared to improve reserve access.
- Alien plant control conducted across the reserve, with 6275 alien invasive plants being removed.
- Six fence removals and clean-ups improved habitat connectivity and reduced hazards.
- Volunteers assisted with infrastructure upgrades, including painting and decorating the jungle gym.
- Strong community engagement, with members welcoming volunteers and recognising their positive impact.
- Volunteers connected with community children through beach and court soccer games.

Volunteer Testimonials

1. We have had the most incredible 2 weeks here at KCC! A huge thank you to Jaco, Mali and Jo. We have seen so many stunning landscapes and animals, the reserve is a beautiful and peaceful place to be. Being so involved, especially with the cheetahs was incredible! We have loved meeting the local children and helping with Mama G's fantastic work, she is truly inspiring. Many thanks - Izzy, Jessica, Ollie | UK | 2 weeks
2. Just completed my 9th visit. I'm already looking forward to returning in November 2025. - Graham, Isle of Man, 2 weeks
3. I've gotten the rare opportunities to participate in game counts, game capture, as well as contribute to the local communities. I will miss everyone and this experience so deeply, and I'll cherish the memories and friends I've made along the way. Cheers! – Donna, USA, 4 weeks





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Financials



Statement of Comprehensive Income: 28 February 2025

	2025	2024
Revenue	R13 835 448	R9 375 777
Operating Expenses		
Administration	(R1 961 826)	(R1 137 484)
Conservation and wildlife protection	(R4 504 847)	(R6 370 192)
Community development, education and welfare	(R3 289 484)	(R1 681 135)
Conservation Centre (Volunteer Programme)	(R2 697 183)	(R1 533 912)
	(R12 453 340)	(R10 722 723)
Operating surplus (deficit)	R1 382 108	(R1 346 946)
Finance income	R92 717	-
Surplus (deficit) for the year	R1 474 825	(R1 346 946)

Comment

- Reduced conservation and animal welfare spend was due to no major habitat expansion projects during 2024/25.
- Increase in community development, education and welfare spend was to project growth during 2024/25.
- Increase in conservation centre spend was due to moving the Kariega Volunteer Programme to operate from this base and under the management of KFT from July 2024.

Statement of Financial Position: 28 February 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
Assets			
Current Assets			
Trade and other receivables	3	R548 658	R263 872
Cash and cash equivalents		R3 544 354	R2 123 412
		R4 093 012	R2 387 284
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	5	R1 071 097	-
Total Assets		R5 164 109	R2 387 284
Equity and Liabilities			
Equity			
Trust capital		R1000	R1000
Accumulated surplus (deficit)		R1 442 508	(R32 317)
		R1 443 508	(R31 317)
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	7	R3 720 601	R2 418 601
Total Equity and Liabilities		R5 164 109	R2 387 284

Notes

3. Trade and other receivables

Receivable from related party - Kariega Game Reserve Proprietary Limited*	358,977	248,232
Deposits	4,250	-
VAT	134,558	-
Other receivable	50,873	15,640
	548,658	263,872

*Kariega Game Reserve Proprietary Limited is family owned. Kariega Foundation Trust is an extension of Kariega Game Reserve Proprietary Limited's brand and family values.

5. Property, plant and equipment

	2025			2024		
	Cost	Accumulated depreciation	Carrying value	Cost	Accumulated depreciation	Carrying value
Land	464,000	-	464,000	-	-	-
Motor vehicles	458,744	(28,647)	430,097	-	-	-
Boat	180,000	(3,000)	177,000	-	-	-
Total	1,102,744	(31,647)	1,071,097	-	-	-

Land was purchased for purpose of development of Ekuphumleni Sports Facility via donations from Seagull Regatta and Ferguson Family Charity. Boat purchased for Anti-Poaching Patrols on the portion of the Bushmans River running through Kariega Game Reserve.

7. Trade and other payables

Trade payables	25,200	45,120
Kariega Park Proprietary Limited	31,458	44,693
Amounts received in advance	2,915,233	2,284,859
Other payables	748,710	43,929
	3,720,601	2,418,601

Amounts received in advance is for Freedom To Roam Adventures and Parca Eco-Edu Fundraising events. Net funds raised will reflect in revenue in June 2025.

Auditors Comment

The Kariega Foundation Trust annual financial statements for the year ending February 2024 were audited by independent auditors, PWC. The complete set of AFS can be requested from: accounts@kariegafoundation.com



Independent auditor’s report

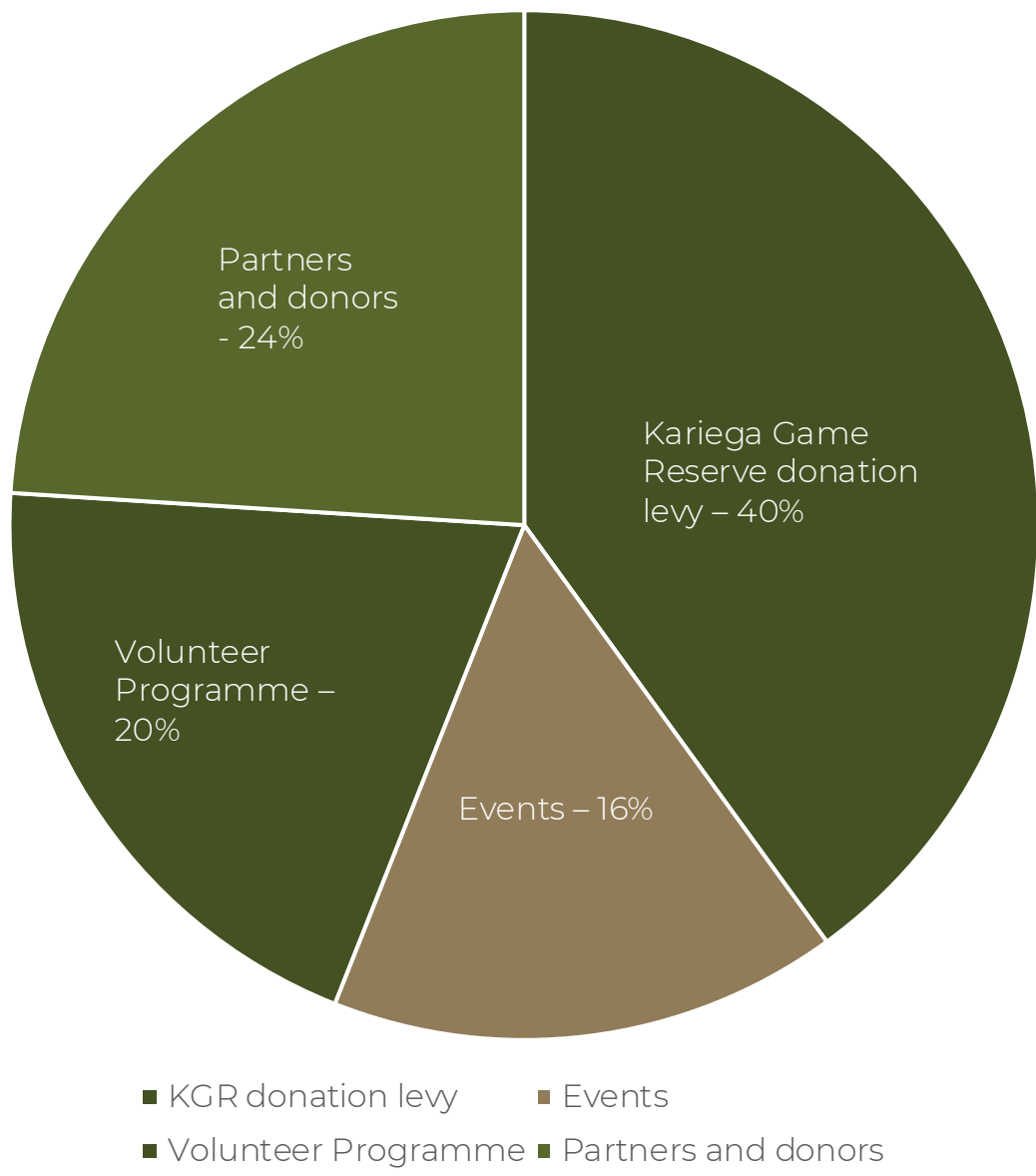
To the trustees of Kariega Foundation Trust

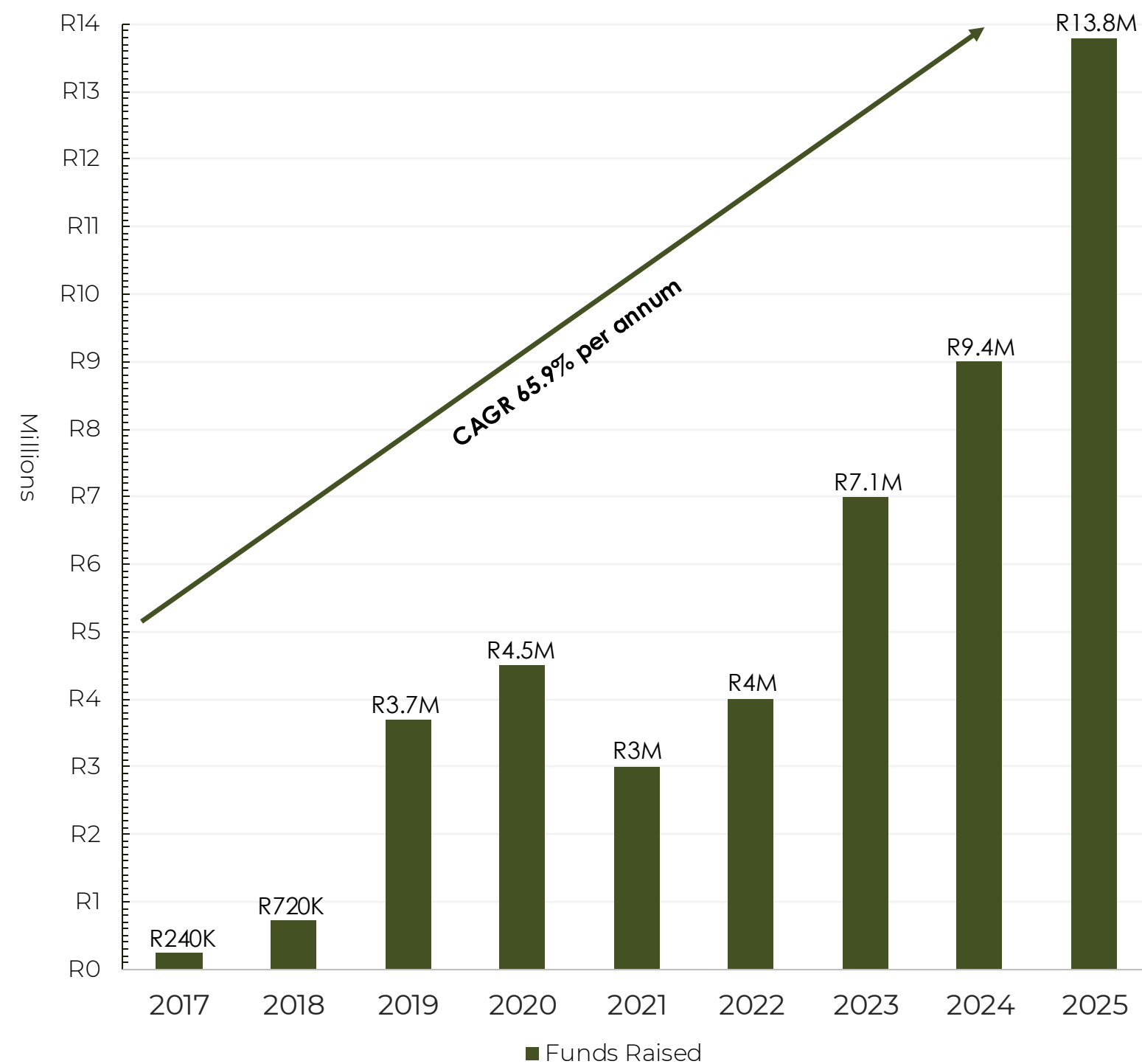
Our opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Kariega Foundation Trust (the Trust) as at 28 February 2025, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the IFRS for SMEs Accounting Standard.

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 Director: S Williams
 Registered Auditor
 Gqeberha, South Africa
 31 July 2025

Income Breakdown: Year end Feb 2025





Fundraising History

The Kariega Foundation Trust has enjoyed an upward fundraising trajectory over the past 8 years; from R240 000 in 2017 to just under R14 Million in 2025, reflecting a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 65.9% per annum.

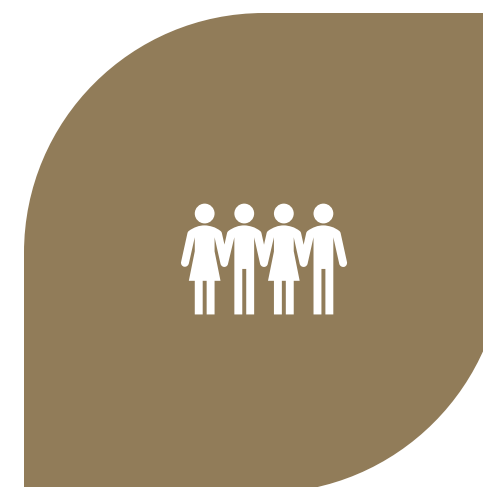
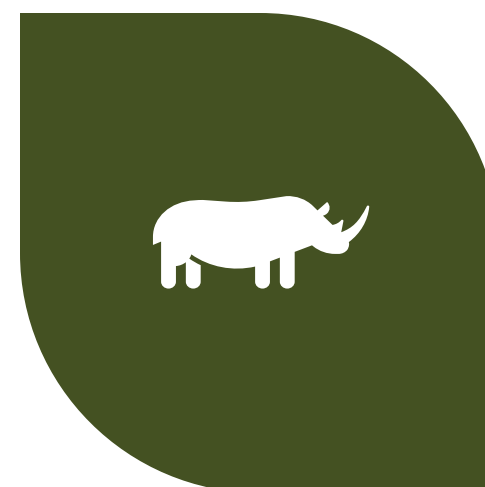
Contributing factors include:

- Effective governance from board of Trustees
- Diversification of fundraising channels
- Management of the Kariega Foundation Volunteer Programme.
- Growing collection of Fundraising Safari Events on Kariega Game Reserve
- Introduction of Table Mountain Fundraiser Event with FYN
- Good relationship building with new and existing donors
- Track record of tangible impact
- Good reporting structures

Fundraising Channels

Kariega Game Reserve

Conservation and community levy donation.



Volunteer Programme

Non-profit volunteer programme to support conservation and community projects.

Fundraising Events

Bespoke Safari Experiences - Give To Get.

Table Mountain with FYN.

Music in the Bush.



Partnerships and Philanthropy

Collaboration with individuals, non-profit organisations and Corporates.

Freedom To Roam Adventures

Freedom To Roam Adventures (FTRA) 2024 events has grown into our most impactful fundraising events on Kariega Game Reserve, annually and raised significant funds in 2024.

From bespoke cycling adventures to art retreats (and soon birding) we give our FTRA guests carefully curated experiences on Kariega Game Reserve aligned with their unique passions, interwoven into a ‘bucket list’ itinerary with 30% of the package price built in as a donation to the Kariega Foundation Trust. Freedom To Roam Adventures are truly purposeful and unforgettable.

Founded by Trish Liggett, wife of world renown cycling commentator Phil Liggett, FTRA combines their love for nature and cycling with a heartfelt mission to protect Africa’s wildlife and uplift local communities.

Inspired by decades of travel across wild Africa and a growing urgency to act, Trish launched FTRA in collaboration with the Kariega Foundation on Kariega Game Reserve. Her mission is as exhilarating as it is meaningful – an immersive, once-in-a-lifetime safari experience that directly supports conservation and community development.

During this financial year, 12% of total revenue was raised through FTRA and translated into impact across habitat expansion, youth development; alien plant control and rhino protection. Thank you to Trish and Phil, all FTRA staff and our guests.



Table Mountain with FYN

On 2 December 2024, forty guests joined the Kariega Foundation Trustees on top of the iconic Table Mountain for an exclusive fundraising event with world renown restaurateurs, FYN.

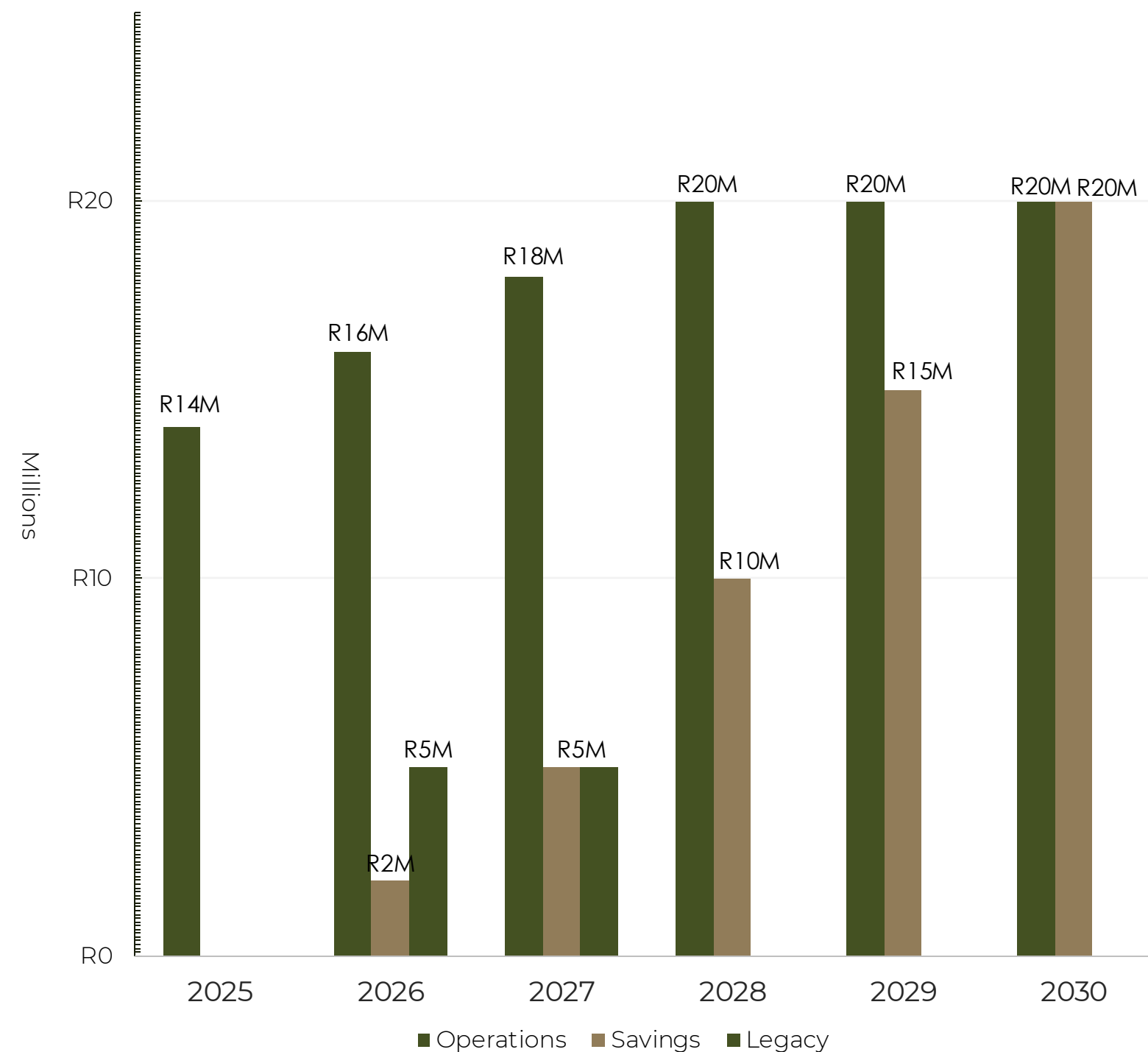
The evening was truly surreal. Blessed with a perfectly still, warm and clear evening and treated to the culinary delights of Peter Templehoff and the FYN team (igniting one's senses of sight, scent and taste) the work of the Kariega Foundation Trust was celebrated and over R1 million was raised in our support. Thank you to FYN and all our guests.

Table Mountain with FYN is a biennial event, planned to run every second year. The next event will be hosted in December 2026.

Both the iconic venue and our partnership with FYN were carefully designed to connect guests to the heart of our work – the protection of biodiversity and advancement of communities.

FYN draws its inspiration from Fynbos, which is one of the most diverse plant kingdoms on magnificent display atop of Table Mountain. Kariega Game Reserve, although 800km away from Table Mountain exists at the convergence point of two global diversity hotspots – where the Cape Floristic Kingdom (fynbos) meets the Maputuland, Pondoland, Albany biosphere. We exist to protect and preserve this biodiversity forever.





Fundraising Goals

Core Project Budget

- Goal : To achieve a sustainable operations Budget of R20 Million per annum by 2028

Legacy Project Budgets

- Goal : To raise R10 Million over 2026/27 for the development of the Ekuphumleni Youth Development Centre

Savings Reserve

- Goal : To raise a savings reserve of R20 Million – 1 year's operations budget. 80% of KFT operational budget is raised sustainably, but in partnership with Kariega Game Reserve. The savings reserve is to mitigate risk of possible disruptions to tourism that would impact these revenue channels.

Strategy

1. Maximise revenue channels on Kariega Game Reserve: guest donations; volunteer programme; fundraising events.
2. Allocate annual budget surplus to savings.
3. Run dedicated fundraising campaign to contribute to savings reserve.
4. Run dedicated Fundraising campaign for Legacy Project: Ekuphumleni Youth Facility
5. Strengthen and grow Project partners.

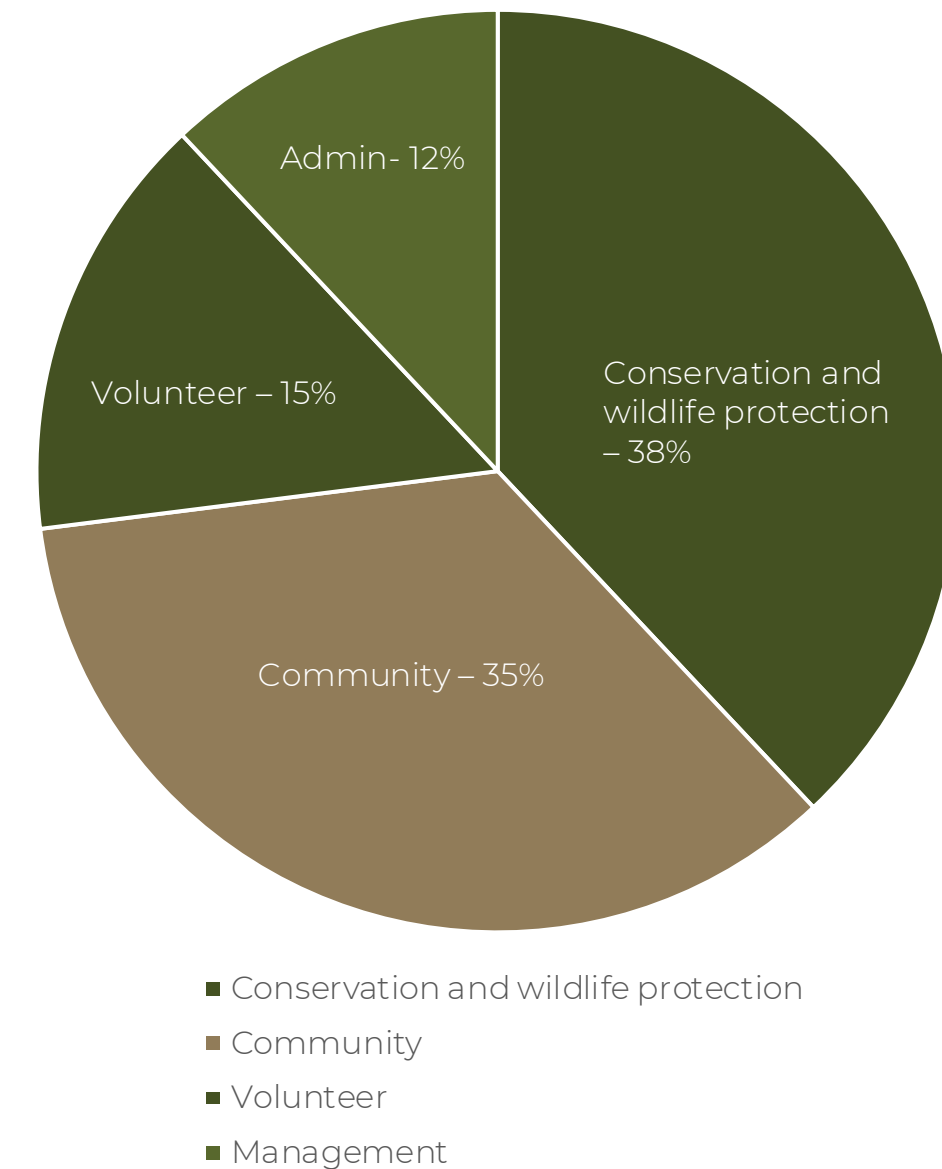
Optimal Operations Budget – Actioned by 2028

The table below details the optimal Kariega Foundation Trust operational budget breakdown based on a R20 Million per annum budget and all core projects implemented at scale, to deliver on the conservation and wildlife protection objectives on Kariega Game Reserve and Community development, education and welfare objectives in Ekuphumleni, Klipfontein, Marselle and Alexandria.

Our goal is to achieve this optimal budget and project implementation by 2028/29 Financial year.

Optimal Operations Project Budget by 2028		
Category	Budget	%
Admin	R2 400 000	12%
Conservation and wildlife protection	R7 600 000	38%
Community	R6 900 000	35%
Volunteer	R3 100 000	15%
TOTAL	R20 000 000	100%

KFT Optimal Budget Breakdown by 2028



Reach of 'Cradle to Career' Projects at scale

Community – Cradle to Career Projects – Implementation Targets	
Early Childhood Development	
20 ECD Centres	1000 children
Social and Emotional Learning	
8 Primary Schools	3000 learners
Youth Development Information Technology	
4 Computer Hubs	10 000 plus users
Youth Development Sport – Ubuntu Cup	
64 Teams	1000 Players
Youth Development Environmental Education	
6 Clubs	60 Members (10 per club)
4 Communities via Schools	5000 learners
Skills Development	
Field Ranger Training (APU)	10 Candidates from Indalo Reserves per year
Field Guide School (FGASA)	6 Candidates from Kariega Game Reserve Communities per year
Alien Plant Control	As needed
SEL SACE Training	10 Candidates from partners schools per year
Legacy Bursary	2 x postgraduates per year 4 x Diploma candidates (on-line) per year



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Donations At Work

Conserve Biodiversity

R 200 / \$10
1 hectare / month

R 2000 / \$100
10 hectares / month

R 20 000 / \$1000
100 hectares / month

Covers all costs associated with wildlife and habitat management restoration and alien plant control

Save The Rhino

R 7500 / \$400
per day

R 230 000 / \$12 200
per month

R 75 000 / \$4000
collaring procedure

Covers all operational cost of APU and advanced technology costs

Invest in a Child

R 250 / \$15
1 child / month

R 3000 / \$160
1 child / year

Legacy Bursary
R150 000 / year (\$8000)

Covers operational costs of Social Emotional Learning, Ubuntu Cup, environmental education and IT facilitation

Key Donors

Our heartfelt thanks to all our wonderful donors and partners.

Your ongoing support enables us to keep growing our conservation and community footprint, uniting a conservation-minded community that is working together to protect, preserve, and benefit our planet, people and wildlife.

We look forward to working with you to grow our impact into 2024 and beyond.

Key Donors and Partners

These key organisations have donated more than R500 000 annually, or they have partnered with us on a specific project, with the vision for growth and expansion over time.



Habitat Expansion
Youth Development



ECD
APU Field Ranger
Training



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Special Needs
Education



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Community Infrastructure
Development



Advanced Technology
Management Systems



Legacy project:
Ekuphumleni
Youth Centre



Habitat Expansion
APU Training and equipment
APU Field Ranger Training



Advanced Technology and surveillance
resource and equipment



Computer Hubs and IT
literacy



Conservation and Animal Welfare
Youth and Sport Development
Legacy Bursary: Skills Development



Admin, marketing and staff
costs across all projects.
APU operational costs.



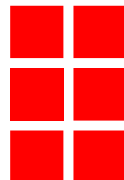
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Every individual who has give us their time and energy – we appreciate you.

Every donation no matter how small makes a difference. Little bits make a lot! Thank you.

Thank you, Kariega Game Reserve

The partnership between the Kariega Foundation Trust and Kariega Game Reserve is a powerful example of what can be achieved when there is true dedication to regenerative tourism and leveraging a Big Five game reserve to raise funds into a non-profit entity for reinvestment into the protection and conservation of biodiversity and the advancement of neighbouring communities.

More than 80% of the Kariega Foundation funding is raised through this collaboration.

- Every guest visiting Kariega Game Reserve becomes our partner via their donation levy.
- Every volunteer that joins the Kariega Foundation Volunteer Programme working on Kariega Game Reserve and our neighbouring communities becomes our partner.
- Every guest that joins one of several safari, fundraising groups that take part in conservation activities, cycle, run or make art on the reserve become our partners.
- Every member of staff at Kariega Game Reserve is our partner.

We are deeply grateful for you all. We exist to do the work we love because of each of you and the amazing Kariega Game Reserve. Thank you.



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It's surely our responsibility to do everything within our power to create a planet that provides a home not just for us, but for all life on Earth.

If working apart we're a force powerful enough to destabilise our planet, surely working together we are powerful enough to save it.

Sir David Attenborough

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