In 2018 we celebrated our 15th anniversary at the Grootbos Foundation! In 2018/19 the Foundation reached an enormous number of beneficiaries, positively impacting 11,556 members of the Overberg community. Our vision is to conserve the Cape Floral Kingdom and to uplift the communities therein. The Grootbos Foundation has embarked on a wide range of projects and provided much needed vocational training, social enterprise development and sport for social development programming. We are exceptionally proud of what we have accomplished over the past 12 months!

Against the context of increasing global awareness of the need for better and more sustainable living the work of the Grootbos Foundation continues to support - and directly aligns with - 13 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals identified for 2030. The SDGs recognise that ending poverty must go hand in hand with strategies that build economic growth and address a range of social needs including education, health, social protection and job opportunities whilst tackling climate change and environmental protection. Grootbos Foundation and our partner, Grootbos Private Nature Reserve, continue to work towards the principles of balancing conservation, community, and cultural progress with commercial activities that are inclusive and empowering.

Green Futures College, our original flagship project celebrated its 15th year. The College has doubled its impact. The Green Futures Nursery has been hard at work, propagating indigenous plants and has also had some success in propagating rare and endangered species that form part of the Elim Ferricrete Fynbos, which have been reintroduced into areas earmarked for rehabilitation. Thank you to the Foundation, Joan St Leger Lindbergh Charitable Trust and the Rolf-Stephan Nussbaum Foundation.


A combined plant list for the Agulhas Plain collated from conservation partners and landowners comes to over 2,500 identified plant species, which is a quarter of all species identified within the Cape Floral Kingdom! In recognition of the incredible biodiversity found on our doorstep and in celebration of the IUCN’s Decade of Ecosystem Restoration, we intend on deepening and strengthening our conservation impact through conservation partnerships. We are working on a three- to five-year strategy to develop a gazetted Protected Environment with key conservation partners within the Walker Bay Fynbos Conservancy. Our aim is to create a formally protected area of high priority conservation land. This will enable us to improve our biodiversity management by clearing invasive alien plants and to restoring habitats, building on the existing work done to create conservation servitudes within the region. The Conservancy has grown to 39 landowners, collectively conserving approximately 20,000 hectares. Our thanks go to the Table Mountain Fund, Mohammed bin Zayad Fund for Nature, First Rand Foundation and a private donor, for allowing us to continue our work and to share our passion for conserving the Walker Bay region.

Fynbos Retreat has been renovated and re-launched as the Grootbos Environmental Centre with the purpose of hosting visiting research groups who can contribute to our knowledge and understanding of the Fynbos ecosystems. The centre will also host educational groups, playing a pivotal role in conservation education amongst local children.

The Careers, Employability and Entrepreneurship Programme has provided career guidance to over
1,300 learners, work readiness camps for employability training to 86 learners and provided seed funding for 16 businesses in 2018. Thanks to Swiss Re for funding this programme for the past three years.

The Table Mountain Fund Small Grants programme, which is run in partnership with Whale Coast Conservation, is in its second funding cycle and has provided funding for projects as far Swellendam. The Small Grants to the value of approximately R30 000 each have been funding community driven projects ranging from alien clearing, enterprise development, site rehabilitation and environmental education. We are incredibly proud of what these projects have accomplished!

**Our Football Foundation Works Across 20 Schools and Six Community Sport Sites**

In the past year, our incredible Football Foundation has reached 9 651 beneficiaries through multi-sports training, of whom 44% are female. The Football Foundation works across 20 schools and six community sport sites within the Overstrand region, offering educational programmes, after-school sports coaching and in-school coaching at under-resourced schools. The Spaces for Sport facility in Gansbaai remains our flagship project for after-school coaching, allowing children to participate in football, hockey, netball, athletics.

Our “Rock the Boat” development canoeing programme continues at the Stanford river, with 35 regular participants. The feeding scheme, generously funded by the Kunze family, has provided 26,544 meals over the past year. Our thanks go to our 11 coaches and 33 international volunteers for all of the work that they did in 2018 and continue to do within the communities we support. This far-reaching work would not be possible without our Football Foundation donors, including the British Premier League, De Alster Hockey Club, UEFA Foundation for Children and the National Lotteries Commission of South Africa. Thank you for allowing us to impact local children through sports and education.

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The Good Hope Early Childhood Development centre was developed in partnership with Flower Valley Conservation Trust, the Overstrand Municipality and iMed Vision; and was launched in January 2018, fulfilling a much-needed service within the local community of Masakhane. This facility supports 120 children. We thank our wonderful donors at RTL for the funding that has made this project possible. A further six ECD centres are supported in Masakhane, Stanford and Hermanus, providing children access to essential early childhood learning and development.

We look forward to strengthening and deepening our existing partnerships and thank our volunteers and interns without whom none of the Grootbos Foundation dreams and objectives could be realised. Our sincere gratitude goes to Grootbos Private Nature Reserve and our other generous donors without whom none of these endeavours to conserve our precious environment nor uplift the communities fortunate enough to call this beautiful region home would exist.

Julie & Sean

**GROOTBOS FOUNDATION DIRECTORS**
The Grootbos Foundation is an independent, non-profit organisation established in 2003.

The Grootbos Foundation vision is the conservation of the Cape Floral Kingdom and the upliftment of the communities therein.

It is our mission to conserve the unique Cape Floral Kingdom, the region we call home, and to develop sustainable livelihoods and active citizens through ecotourism, enterprise development, sports development and education.

We create sustainable project models which are replicable and scalable in order to assist surrounding communities. Many of our projects generate their own income and/or are partially self-sustaining.

OUR OVERARCHING OBJECTIVES INCLUDE:

• Conserving, rehabilitating and protecting the natural environment of the Cape Floral Kingdom particularly the flora and fauna on Grootbos Private Nature Reserve and in the Walker Bay region.

• The provision of education relating to indigenous horticulture, agriculture, conservation, ecotourism, greening and life skills education.

• Training and skills development for disadvantaged persons with the purpose of enabling them to obtain employment or become self-employed.

• Using sports and sports facilities as a tool for social development and integration, promoting healthy lifestyles for youth, and increasing environmental awareness and life skills amongst communities.

• Research, including ecological, educational, social and scientific research on topics related to our core programmes.

• Developing sustainable and innovative solutions to tackle the issue of food insecurity.
The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provided a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for action by all countries - developed and developing - in a global partnership. They recognize that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth — all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests.

The Grootbos Foundation’s work and programmes directly supports 13 of the 17 SDG’s.

Programmes relating to the conservation of the Cape Floral Kingdom, including Green Futures vocational training college providing educational training in Horticulture, Hospitality and Guiding, since 2003.

Our flagship sports programme, using sport as a vehicle to educate and empower more than 9,000 young people each year.

Employability and enterprise development programmes, including organic farming, artisanal skills and ecotourism initiatives for sustainable livelihoods.

Green Futures College works to empower members of the surrounding local communities with skills to bring positive change to their livelihoods. The College has a legacy of 15 years of tried and tested methodology and experienced, dedicated facilitators.

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Green Futures provides free accredited eco-tourism and conservation related occupational and vocational training, such as housekeeping, food and beverage service, field guiding, field ranging, alien vegetation management, indigenous horticulture and landscaping training to unemployed youth from local communities. The curriculum equips students with a Grade 11 equivalent training and all Green Futures training combines both theoretical and practical on the job training.

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The Grootbos Foundation Conservation’s and Research team have been hard at work unlocking the secrets held by surrounding landscapes! The focus remains the conservation of the Cape Floral Kingdom, both on Grootbos Private Nature Reserve and within the greater Walker Bay Fynbos Conservancy (WBFC), conserving this vulnerable piece of biodiversity at a landscape level.

Botanical studies on Grootbos started as far back as 1996, 22 years ago. The ongoing botanical mapping and surveying have contributed 6 new species to science and many important range extensions for rate and threatened species. Our confirmed species list has grown yet again in the last year to include 819 species, 76 of which are of conservation concern. The mapping of the Erica irregularis has indicated that 60% occurs within the boundaries of Grootbos Private Nature Reserve and the mapping of the Elim Ferricrete fynbos has determined that only 5% remains across the region. The vulnerability and unchecked threats to the biodiversity of the region are cause for concern.

The past year has seen the introduction of two entomologists to the team, who are conducting exciting surveys identifying the insects within the Walker Bay region and the Agulhas Plain. Due to the high levels of endemism within our vegetation, we anticipate exciting results, and are excited at the prospect of discovering unique insects. This is the first study of its kind for the area, and this ground-breaking work will include systematic surveys of the vegetation of Grootbos detailing pre and post fire insect assemblages in fynbos and specialist pollinators.

Over the last year, we have built a network of 80 motion sensing cameras set up within the boundaries of the Walker Bay Fynbos Conservancy, providing valuable knowledge in terms of ecological corridors and animal movements. The motion sensing cameras have proven to be a valuable resource in managing human-wildlife conflict. If a conflict situation arises, the cameras can help to identify the culprits and mitigate possible conflicts with landowners. We have seen two female leopards establish their territories within the Conservancy. Mara has raised two sets of cubs on the northern side of the Reserve, and who have gained their independence. The motion sensing cameras help to compile compassion building footage and allow us a greater understanding of the illusive animals who inhabit the area.

In celebration of the IUCN’s Decade of Ecosystem Restoration, we are hard at work establishing a conservation vision for the next three to five years and have started the process of creating a statutorily binding Protected Environment with key partners within the Walker Bay Fynbos Conservancy. The partnerships will be based on the landowners’ commitment to conservation and our aim is to set up a Protected Environment of 6 000 to 7 000 hectares. We are working to establish a collaborative ecotourism network to preserve the 655 permanent jobs held on Walker Bay properties and are looking forward to a prosperous endeavour for all landowners through mutual support.

This year has also seen the introduction of the Grootbos Environmental Centre, which has been renovated for the purpose of hosting academic faculties and research groups from University partners. This will allow us to deepen our existing knowledge of the landscape and will also host visiting school groups, which will emphasise reconnection with nature by looking into natural ecosystem processes.

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The Football Foundation is a trusted entity in the community, having been active since 2008, and plays an integral role in supporting the severely under resourced community youth and schools of the region. The Football Foundation is now active in 20 schools and assists with sports programming and motor skills support in the pre-primary and early childhood development centers, besides the as well as programming and sports training in the afternoons.

A research study, evaluating the impact of the Football Foundation over the last ten years, concluded that: “The Football Foundation has become a core component of the sociocultural fabric of the Overberg” (10 Year Impact Assessment, Dr Bek, Coventry University).

Over and above the obvious of providing sports training in the various sports codes, the Football Foundation provides youth with aspirational role models in the form of community coaches. Our head soccer coach Mziyanda Matiwane is a Level 2 Premier Skills Facilitator and others are busy with various levels of Premier Skills Training.

In partnership with the British Council and Premier Skills, the Football Foundation took part in a 12 week pilot Enterprise Programme. The goal was to encourage and inspire young soccer enthusiasts to understand the diverse career opportunities available within the world of soccer, beyond the few opportunities to make it as professional players in clubs and national teams. This programme gave 12 of the young Football Foundation soccer players the opportunity to visit Ilamva, the home of Ajax Cape Town. The young soccer stars were star-struck by the experience and motivated by the many opportunities that sport has to offer them.

In addition to our Premier Skills partnership, the Football Foundation has also become a member of Street Football World. Founded in 2002, Street Football World connects grassroots football development initiatives across the globe and works with various levels of Premier Skills training amongst our community coaches. Our head soccer coach Mziyanda Matiwane is a Level 2 Premier Skills Facilitator and others are busy with various levels of Premier Skills Training.

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educational programmes, often using sport to address important themes are run alongside the Football Foundation programmes. These programmes include:

**THE FEMALE EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME**

provides a safe, confidential space for young adolescent girls to discuss the pressures, issues and important life choices they face at this formative age. The girls in our community are exceptionally vulnerable and this programme hopes to support them and create a peer group to encourage one another. Included in this year’s programme was a visit to key historical sites and exhibitions featuring inspiring women leaders.

**DIBANISA ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH PROGRAMME**

is an excursion based programme designed to impart an appreciation and passion for the surrounding environment and develop conservation stewards. The focus is on the fynbos and marine environments, the main ecosystems in the Overstrand. The programme is run in local schools and the hope is to inspire learners to consider pursuing careers in conservation fields in their futures.

**FOOD 4 SPORT**

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**GRASSROOTS SOCCER HIV/AIDS PROGRAMME**

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**FEEDING SCHEME**

In early 2018 the Football Foundation introduced a daily feeding scheme. The Feeding Scheme initiative started in early 2018 to the children in the Football Foundation multi-sports programmes. The aim is to address the lack of food security in the community and particularly for growing and developing youth on our sports fields. Sports coaches prepare nutritious meals for the children who attend practices and matches, and report that the children have improved in strength and stamina since receiving meals.

The beneficiaries of ‘Rock the Boat’ canoeing have in particular shown impressive improvement over marathon distances since the start of the feeding scheme. The Football Foundation is upgrading a container kitchen at the Gansbaai Spaces4Sport facility so as to be able to serve hot meals during the colder months. The Feeding Scheme has gathered momentum as our coaches have identified the most nutritious yet simple meals to prepare. They now prepare up to 4 336 meals per month. In March 2018, we extended the Feeding Scheme to the Early Childhood Development centres in Masakhane where young children are now served a nutritious and fortified breakfast every day to ensure healthy development.

**FOOTBALL FOUNDATION SDG’S: 2/3/4/5/10**
In 2018 our volunteer and internship programme has hosted 33 volunteers from all over the world, who contributed their skills, enthusiasm and capacity to the Grootbos Foundation over the past year.

The Grootbos Foundation volunteer and internship experience is not only about working hard but is also about personal development. When not on the sports fields or involved in the Foundation programmes, volunteers are able to enjoy the nature and activities the Overstrand region has to offer with our dedicated activities co-ordinator.

We have been fortunate to develop key relationships with international universities, with placements contributing towards interns studies. Windesheim University, in the Netherlands, is one such partner and places between 4 and 6 interns annually.

Tim te Brake and Frank Hofsin from Windesheim organized a 24hr Soccer Tournament raising funds for much needed soccer boots. Soccer teams from all over the Overberg took part in the event on the 17th of May, staying up the whole night and raising R48 000! We are exceptionally proud and grateful to Tim and Frank for their contribution.

Growing the Future organic farm, is a small intensive working farm that generates funds through the sale of organic ingredients to the Grootbos Private Nature Reserve lodges. Tunnels of lush vegetables, fruit trees, olive trees, herbs, free range eggs and micro-greens amongst other produce ensures that fresh ingredients are delivered from farm to table. Growing the Future Highlights:

**HYDROPONIC STRAWBERRIES**

Three A-frames of hydroponic strawberries have successfully added to our fresh produce harvest.

**HIVE TO HOME EXPERIENCE & HONEY BREAKFAST**

Our trained and skilful beekeeper suits up guests and heads out to explain the world of bees to them. Each hive hosts around 15 000 Cape Honey Bees, all busy making dark golden fynbos honey. After the visit to the apiary site, guests are treated to a honey inspired breakfast.

**CANDLES & CRAFTING**

Our candle recycling project now makes use of only 100% recycled wax and sold 34 332 candles to the Grootbos Private Nature Reserve lodges in the last year. This project supports our commitment with the Grootbos lodges to reduce our carbon footprint and support local employment.

**GOATS**

Growing the Future farm is now home to 4 resident goats. The hope is to in the future produce our very own goats cheese!
This programme aims to assist learners in high schools with subject choices, post matric choices with the ultimate aim of increasing the regions youth employability. The programme works closely with 5 of the regional high schools, supporting Grade 9 students through their subject choice decisions and working through post matric options and opportunities with Grade 12 learners. Employability camps are held for Grade 10 and 11 learners, deepening the understanding and skills necessary to enter the work force. The camps address key elements of preparing CVs and work with individual learners around their career choices each year. 20 learners are placed at local businesses for workplace experience to better understand the industry or career they have chosen to enter.

One of the biggest barriers to local economic growth is the lack of access to capital. The enterprise and entrepreneurship component of the programme runs Entrepreneurship workshops with youth and school leavers in the community. On completion of the workshops, those with business proposals or those with existing small businesses have the opportunity to present and pitch their business proposals to obtain seed funding and mentoring to start or expand small businesses in the region. 18 small businesses each received seed funding to the value of R10 000 in form of materials and equipment.

An exciting example of one of these businesses include:

**SIYA’S FAST FOOD**

Siyabulela Blayi is the proud owner of Siya’s Fast Food which opened its doors in January 2018. From an early age Siya had a passion for cooking. He had a great location in the municipality building in Zwelihle. He built everything within the building himself and was doing well until July 2018 when the building was burnt due to unrest. Siya lost everything he had built and had to start over. He no longer had equipment, no supplies and no location.

Two weeks later this determined entrepreneur pitched his business idea and was one of the 18 businesses chosen to receive seed funding. His funding was put towards a kitchen in his caravan, purchase some equipment, ingredients and put up essential signage. He is now mobile and flexible as his business is based out of a caravan and he is able to attend events and school functions.

Siyabulela has learnt a great deal about customer service, and says that it is very important to listen to and to respond to the feedback given by them. It is all based on relationships!

Siyabulela has a big dream to expand his Take Away and to one day and to hire more employees. He also wants to teach people how to cook and pass on his passion!
In 2017, Andrew Hofmeyer approached the municipality to become the guardian of the Masbiekers Valley, located in the centre of Swellendam. The Municipality agreed and this forms part of their ‘Adopt a Spot’ programme. Traditionally, the Masbiekers Valley area was inhabited by freed slaves, who felt that they did not have a home. Over the years, the valley has become infested with alien vegetation and has remained a space for displaced people.

Andrew has been involving children from the local schools on a voluntary basis to upgrade the site by keeping it clean of litter, clearing alien vegetation and replanting indigenous tree species. The children assisted with projects like creating an amphitheatre and installing pathways.

The Masbiekers Valley Project has launched a sculpture competition with local schools. As part of this, an environmental education workshop was supported by the Grootbos Foundation entomologists, Gary Beukman and Paula Strauss, to highlight the importance of biodiversity and conservation activities. A second workshop was held with Strijdom van der Merwe to discuss land art and environmental sculptures. Children have submitted their proposals and final selections have taken place. The final sculptures will be revealed on 1 September 2019. Through this process, the Masbiekers Valley Project hopes to create awareness and community involvement.

The Grootbos Foundation and Whale Coast Conservation are in the second cycle of a three year contract as a Small Grants Facility, funded by the Table Mountain Fund. The Small Grants are able to support projects to the value of R 30 000 each. The grants are available to ‘green’ projects with conservation, social upliftment and social enterprise objectives.

Grootbos Foundation Small Grants supported the following projects in 2018: Routes to Resilience (Impact Trust), Woorde op Akkoorde (Tribal Echo), Alien Clearing on Tierfontein, Elim vegetable and mushroom project, Sculpture Competition (Masbiekers Valley Project), Fynbos Product Development (FeedMeGreen), Lesedi ECD upgrade in Bredasdorp.

The Small Grants programme has been instrumental in forging relationships and enabling dreams. It has added essential capacity to community-driven projects that might not have had access to funding otherwise. The TMF small grants have served as great encouragement to the grantees who are able to expand and share their passion with their communities!

As a result of community consultation, food security initiatives have become a key focus area for the Grootbos Foundation, culminating in the initiative to establish the Masakhane Community Farm in July 2016. The findings in the Masakhane community survey indicated that 75% of households surveyed were moderately to severely food-insecure. A staggering 97% experience anxiety and uncertainty about sufficient household food supply each month due to high levels of unemployment.

The Foundation has created an accessible green community urban farm that provides unemployed community members with a training opportunity in organic urban agriculture and on completion of this course, an allotment with farming inputs. To date, 138 people (70% women) have completed the curriculum since July 2016, and 58 have found employment consequently. The aim is to reach 60-80 beneficiaries per year.

The Masakhane Community Farm has developed into an innovative green community space that provides skills training, support, expertise, inputs, inspiration and economic opportunities.

During the past financial year, the Masakhane Community Farm has received support through Woolworths Just Cause, which paid for a
classroom and a mushroom farming facility. This included the installation of a solar power system which will help to regulate the temperature within the mushroom house. Two JoJo tanks help to capture rainwater, contributing to the farm’s goal of becoming sustainable and self-sufficient.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

The Grootbos Foundation is involved in 6 early learning sites (The Good Hope Centre, Good Hope Baby Centre, Takalane baby centre, Masakhane creche, Funimfundo Creche, Busy Bees) in the Overberg reaching 204 children below the age of 6. Our involvement aims to support healthy, safe early childhood development for our youngest and vulnerable children.

The Foundation team has worked to ensure that the early learning spaces provide a positive and appropriate care facilities for necessary development. Ensuring the physical environments of the early learning centers are safe, clean and in working order is an essential basis to safeguard children’s health and wellbeing. These centers are a hive of activity with lots of laughter and smiles all round!

Apart from the Grootbos Foundation providing infrastructural, management, administrative support to these facilities, the Foundation has installed and expanded a medicinal garden at the Good Hope Center. This ties in with the vision of our partners (Med Vision and the Health Revolution), who aim to bring substantiated, modern medical diagnosis, knowledge and practices to local communities.

Partnerships remain critical and the Grootbos Foundation continues to collaborate closely with the Overstrand Municipality, Flower Valley Conservation Trust, the Community Management Committees and the Health Revolution initiative. The partnerships together are instrumental in formulating better facilities and care for the Early Childhood facilities in the surrounding communities.

The Good Hope Early Learning Centre (including the Baby Care Centre), re-opened its doors in October 2018 and has capacity for 120 children.

**A NEW BUS FOR THE FOOTBALL FOUNDATION**

We are thrilled to reveal our beautiful bus. This 32-seater bus was the culmination of years of fundraising and generous support from our forward-thinking donors who believe in the power and promise of sports development in our communities.

Thank you so much for giving us wheels! We just can’t wait to broaden our horizons, play sports, explore, meet new people, engage in healthy sporting competition.

**Siyakhula SDG’s: 1/2/3/4/5/8/10**

**RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS**

Even though the Grootbos Foundation is itself a charity, the ethos of kindness is central to our vision. Instances arise where the Foundation team feels compelled to step in and do what we can. In the last year, beneficiaries benefited from the Grootbos Foundation spreading the love.

- Cleared & Cleaned the Early Childhood Development Centre in Masakhane.
- Mandela Day Beach Clean up.
- Assisted Barc with pet food.
- Installed an Eco vegetable food garden at Gansbaai Laerskool.
- Assisted the community after a number of homes where affected by a fire.

We are thrilled to reveal our beautiful bus. This 32-seater bus was the culmination of years of fundraising and generous support from our forward-thinking donors who believe in the power and promise of sports development in our communities.

Thank you so much for giving us wheels! We just can’t wait to broaden our horizons, play sports, explore, meet new people, engage in healthy sporting competition.

**AT THE GROOTBOS FOUNDATION, WE ARE A TEAM. EVERY INDIVIDUAL PLAYS A SPECIFIC AND IMPORTANT ROLE AND HELPS MAKE ALL THIS INSPIRATIONAL WORK POSSIBLE.**
After 15 years in the corporate and financial services sector, Julie pursued her passion for sustainable development, conservation and human rights by joining the Grootbos Foundation as Managing Director and heading up Responsible Tourism for Grootbos Private Nature Reserve (PNR). Julie has expertise in strategic business development, general management and programme leadership and holds a B Comm (NMMU) and an Executive Certificate in Business Management from Gibs (UP).

After being a member of the executive board of a state owned bank in Germany for many years and still holding mandates in several non-executive boards in Germany, Guido decided to use his professional skills as an investment banker for the benefits of social and environmental issues. Making South Africa his second home he wants to contribute to the future prosperity and development of the people and the environment of this beautiful country he loves. After meeting Michael he is passionate to support the activities of the Grootbos Foundation and helps to bridge the connections to sponsors from abroad.

Sean has been involved in Grootbos since 1997 and with the Grootbos Foundation since inception in 2003. He holds a Masters Degree in Botany and has a passion for conservation and community. Sean’s current focus is on developing the Walker Bay Protected Environment and mentoring young conservationists.

Leán Muller has been involved in the non-profit sector since 2008 with areas of expertise in community capacity development, programme design, fundraising and public private partnerships. She obtained her BA Humanities as well as a Post Graduate Diploma in Marketing Management at the University of Stellenbosch. Her projects have received several nominations and awards in the development sector. She now works for the City of Cape Town, promoting investment into the Cape Town economy which leads to economic growth and job creation.

Xolani was born in the Eastern Cape and initially started as the gate attendant at Grootbos Private Nature Reserve. He worked his way up to Bar Manager. During his Grootbos career Xolani took part in the Cape Legend Inter Hotel Challenge and was nominated the most upcoming sommelier in the country. He is currently a Municipal Ward Councilor for the Overstrand and is passionate about fighting poverty and uplifting communities in the area. He is currently furthering his studies with a qualification in Public Accountability at the Nelson Mandela University.
The Grootbos Foundation is a registered non-profit company, independently audited annually by Villet & De Wet.

The Grootbos Foundation is a Section 21 not for profit company, as registered with the South African Department for Social Development (#2003/014519/08).

A board of 8 Directors are in place and meet twice per annum. The Directors are registered with the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC), and all meetings are minuted. The Foundation’s leadership team meets monthly and these meetings are also minuted.

The following documentation and certification is in place and up to date:

- Articles of Association
- Constitution
- Public Benefit Organisation registration (PBO # 930023319)
- Independent Codes of Good Governance for Non-Profits in South Africa
- South African Revenue Services (SARS) tax clearance Certificate
- The Grootbos Foundation is a section 18A approved organisation and are permitted to issue Section 18A tax certificates for received
- Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE): The Grootbos Foundation is a Level 1 contributor, more than 95% of our beneficiaries being previously disadvantaged. Donations made are eligible for organisations’ BBBEE scorecard and specifically contribute towards the Skills Development, Enterprise Development and Socio-Economic Development BBBEE scorecard pillars

The Grootbos Foundation continues to record and measure its programmes, gauge the efficacy of our impact and to serve our community with sensitivity.

This year the Foundation has migrated all Monitoring & Evaluation activities onto the Upshot platform, a performance management software solution developed in the UK. This now assists the Foundation in all programmes where attendance and people counting is required. This additional capacity will assist with monitoring across our programmes, improve accuracy and improve our ability to prove our impact.

We continue to partner with external academic research bodies. In 2018, we worked with these external partners on various research topics:

- Coventry University
- Technical University of Munich
- Stellenbosch University
- South African National Biodiversity Institute
- University of Cape Town
- Iziko Museum
- University of the Western Cape
- University of Brunswick (Shitangshu Roy)
- Montpelier University
- Sungazer (consulting company)
As the Foundation has reached its 15th year it is timely to reflect upon the achievements made during that time. The Foundation’s board commissioned a group of independent researchers, led by Coventry University (UK), to conduct a comprehensive review of the Foundation’s work to date.

**KEY HEADLINES FROM THE INITIAL FINDINGS INCLUDE:**

- Overall the Grootbos Foundation has achieved extraordinary reach and impact which can be quantified in many different ways. The relationship between the Grootbos Private Nature Reserve and the Grootbos Foundation has been pivotal in enabling these impacts to occur.
- The Foundation is clearly generating a range of transformative impacts across all its pillars. Collaboration with key partners, including donors, the community at large and the Grootbos tourism enterprise has been a key drive of its success.
- better understand the social, environmental and economic impacts of the Foundation’s work;
- identify areas for improvement and inform a strategic review of the Foundation’s objectives;
- ensure that ongoing Monitoring and Evaluation processes enable impacts to be most effectively tracked and evaluated in the future.

The extensive quantity of prior monitoring has proven valuable for the review team. The review is structured around the Foundation’s three core programmes: Green Futures, Football Foundation & Siyakhula.

THE CORE OBJECTIVES OF THIS ASSESSMENT PROCESS ARE TO:

- better understand the social, environmental and economic impacts of the Foundation’s work;
- identify areas for improvement and inform a strategic review of the Foundation’s objectives;
- ensure that ongoing Monitoring and Evaluation processes enable impacts to be most effectively tracked and evaluated in the future.

The Siyakhula programme is a classic example of sustainability in practice due to the effective way that it draws together social, economic and environmental outcomes. For example, 6 Early Childhood Development Centres and 204 children below the age of 6 were supported in 2018 whilst 1,429 learners have gained access to careers and entrepreneurship education during 2019.

The Football Foundation has achieved extraordinary growth in numbers of participants (280 in 2013 to 9,651 in 2019) and the range of sports offered (principally soccer in 2013, now six other sports are routinely available).

- The impacts of the Football Foundation’s work are considerable in terms of raising young people’s esteem, improving their life skills and offering them life pathways away from drug abuse and gang cultures.

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**IN 2018 OUR FOUNDATION ACHIEVED THE FOLLOWING:**

- 189 plants of our indigenous nursery
- 6360 times information was provided to local communities
- 270 times official community meetings were attended
- 22 times official courts were represented
- 9,651 total Foundation beneficiaries
- 44% total education beneficiaries
- 100% total support beneficiaries
- 2,050 total educational scholarships
- 1,128 total beneficiaries in education
- 3,898 total hours of education
- 29,365 total support projects
- 53 organic tbl
- 15,386 total education beneficiaries
- 34,332 total economic beneficiaries
- 1343 students completed career guidance workshops

THE FULL COMPREHENSIVE REPORT WILL BE READY BY DECEMBER 2019.

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31 MARCH 2019

Our annual financial statements have been audited by independent auditors, Villet & De Wet Inc, who were given unrestricted access to all financial reports and related data.

### INCOME STATEMENT

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<td>(11 724 638)</td>
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<td>Gross Profit</td>
<td>2 499 456</td>
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<td>Net finance income</td>
<td>133 977</td>
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### BALANCE SHEET

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**TOTAL ASSETS**: 6 590 600 | 4 787 338

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**TOTAL RESERVES AND LIABILITIES**: 6 590 600 | 4 787 338

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Thank you so much for the support and contributions our partners, donors and supporters make to the work of the Grootbos Foundation, without you the work outlined in this report would not be possible.

- Kew Gardens
- Eden Project
- Swiss Re Foundation
- WWF Table Mountain Small Grants Fund
- WWF Table Mountain Fund
- HCI Foundation
- De Alster Hockey Club
- Rolf-Stephan Nussbaum Foundation
- Mathias Kirschner
- Kai Kunze
- German Consulate Cape town
- Premier League
- Taurus Cape Kelp
- Jack Cheetham Award from Murray&Roberts
- Jim Petrie
- Chris Wolfe
- Felix Unite
- Wereldwijd voor Kinderen
- Jerry van Niekerk
- Keith and Astrid Breede
- Thomas and Marianne Wellauer
- Grootbos Guests
- Asics
- New Balance
- Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund
- Joan St. Leger Lindbergh Charitable Trust
- Gansbaai Tourism Manager Glenda Kitley
- Overstrand Municipal Area Manager Francis Myburgh
- Rotary Club of Hermanus
- National Commission of Lotteries South Africa
- UEFA Foundation for Children
- Woolworths Central Finance Team – Cape Town
- Woolworths Trust
- Rand Merchant Bank
- First Rand Foundation
- Chapman Impact Trust – Semester at Sea
- Consol
- Burmar Civils
- Build-it Gansbaai
- Chiappini Charitable Trust
- RTL Germany
- DEPRAG SCHULZ GMBH – Dr Erik Hallmann
- Jeff and Julie Thompson (Eyesonsafari)
- Grootbos Private Nature Reserve
Grootbos Private Nature Reserve provides the backbone to the Grootbos Foundation. They established the Grootbos Foundation in 2003 to run the non-profit community and conservation projects, about which the owners are passionate and committed. Grootbos Private Nature Reserve remains the most significant donor to the Grootbos Private Nature Reserve Foundation and contributes substantially to the overhead and project expenses of the Grootbos Foundation each year. Michael Lutzeyer, the owner and MD of Grootbos remains the Chairman of the Grootbos Foundation, and champions the conservation and community impacts with boundless enthusiasm!

Grootbos Private Nature Reserve provides the Foundation with offices, overheads such as internet, telephones, water and electricity, premises for Green Futures College and indigenous nursery, the land and buildings for Growing the Future organic farm, the land and buildings for the Grootbos Environmental Centre, vehicles and equipment for the Foundation conservation team, as well as providing a home and vehicle to the Walker Bay Fynbos Conservancy. Beyond these contributions, Grootbos Private Nature Reserve provides transport and food to all Green Futures College students and provides all occupational students with a mentor in the Lodges and/or on the reserve for practical work experience.

Grootbos Private Nature Reserve covers 100% of the salaries of the Conservation Director and the existing conservation research guides, and contributes to the salaries of the Managing Director, the Finance Manager and the Governance/ HR Officer. This generosity ensures that funds raised through donations create maximum impact for our 11 000+ beneficiaries. It also ensures the longevity of our programmes.

In addition, Grootbos Private Nature Reserve supports the Foundation by purchasing products from our social enterprise development projects, such as fresh farm produce, eggs, pork products, honey and bottled water from our Siyakhula organic farm, and recycled candles and jewellery from our tourism crafting projects.

The Lodges generously promote the work of the Foundation to their guests, in order to assist with fundraising. They also host donors and potential donors with accommodation, meals and excursions free of charge in order to help showcase the work of the Foundation. Thank you Grootbos Private Nature Reserve.
WAYS TO SUPPORT US:

- Make a tax-deductible donation.
- Volunteer.
- Organise an equipment drive.
- Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and share our story.

Please support our vision of a brighter future for our communities across the Cape Floral Kingdom.

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