DIRECTOR’S REPORT

On the eve of the 15th anniversary of the Grootbos Foundation and 10th anniversary of our subsidiary Football Foundation, we are proud to have reached a record number of beneficiaries!

Our community programmes support the vision of the Grootbos Foundation to conserve the Cape Floral Kingdom and uplift the communities therein.

Our Football Foundation reached 9,858 children.

Through our Green Futures Conservation, Siyakhula Social Enterprise Development and Football Foundation Sport for Development Programmes, we have positively impacted 12,561 beneficiaries over the past 12 months!

The Football Foundation remains our largest programme, reaching 9,858 children aged between the ages of 6 and 19. The Football Foundation provides support to 16 under-resourced schools and offers after-school football, hockey, athletics, rugby and netball training in Gansbaai, Stanford and Hermanus, at six sites. We continue to offer educational programmes like the Grassroots HIV/AIDS soccer programme; Dibanisa Environmental Education; Food4Sport food security, our female empowerment programme and various life-orientation curricula within local under resourced schools.

43 international volunteers hosted.

Highlights include winning the Jack Cheetham Award for our “Rock the Boat” development canoeing programme; and the introduction of female rugby which has provided a significant increase in female participation. In 2017, we hosted 43 international volunteers and student interns, who continue to provide invaluable support to our programmes. In an effort to continuously improve, our coaches attended a total of 16 courses to build on existing skills and interests.

Career guidance in 5 Overberg high schools to 1,375 learners.

At the request of the Masakhane and Stanford communities, the Grootbos Foundation supports 4 early childhood development centres, providing for 175 children, under 6 years of age. We are working together with Flower Valley Conservation Trust and the Overstrand Municipality and continue our partnership with MED Vision to support the local community in addressing issues surrounding health resources and training.

Our Siyakhula programmes continue to support social enterprise development, with the Careers, Employability and Entrepreneurship providing career guidance in 5 high schools to 1,375 learners, entrepreneur and employability training to 156 individuals and providing start-up funding to a further 12 small businesses.

The Masakhane Community Farm is in its second year of operation and was the proud recipient of the 2018 “We Are Africa: Engage Africa award”. This project has provided urban agriculture training to 115 people from Masakhane, of whom 70% are female. The farm also anchors the Dibanisa conservation and Food4Sport nutritional programmes, providing a space for local children to participate in environmental education. A donation from the Canada Fund enabled us to construct a farmer’s market structure, to support local entrepreneurs in Gansbaai. Our Growing the Future Farm has been upgraded with the planting of 90 fruit trees, the installation of a hydroponics system, using 90% less water than conventional agriculture as well as new walkways. In the past financial year, Growing the Future produced 5 tonnes of organic vegetables, 965 kilograms of honey and 44,599 eggs, 48,117 units of bottled water and 39,530 candles. The sales of fresh produce, along with other income generating projects such as our indigenous nursery, raised R2,338,064 in 2017/18. We are grateful for a generous donation from Hermanus Rotary of an agricultural tunnel and a vehicle for our farming projects.

Our vocational training college is in its 15th year.

Green Futures College is now in its 15th year of operation and in 2017 provided horticulture training to 8 local, unemployed youths, hospitality training to 14 local women and Cathsseta-accredited
Field Ranger training to 11 students, as well as upskilling employees who are working for Grootbos and the Foundation. Three top students had the privilege of visiting The Eden Project and Kew Gardens in the UK on a learning exchange. A life highlight for all!

Our conservation team have been exploring the landscapes of Walker Bay and beyond to support our vision of protecting the Cape Floral Kingdom and uplifting the communities therein. Our Agulhas Green Corridor project aims to connect the Walker Bay Fynbos Conservancy (WBFC) with the Agulhas National Park. Ten properties have been identified as critical to this project. Farm 215 signed over 500 hectares of critically endangered fynbos such as our indigenous nursery, including a piece of Elim ferricrete Fynbos, which has been supported by the Table Mountain Fund and a private funder. The Walker Bay Fynbos Conservancy has grown by 3,073 hectares, increasing the conservation area to 17,500 hectares.

Our conservation area spans 17,500ha.

Through our ecological research, the Grootbos plant list has grown to 806 positively identified species, adding an additional 9 plants to the list in 2017. Research via motion sensing cameras has identified 24 species of mammals in the WBFC, including the elusive Cape Leopard. Future Trees, our reforestation project planted over 300 trees in 2017 with the help of Grootbos guests, contributing to the rehabilitation of the ancient milkwood forests. Exciting news is that the Table Mountain Fund have appointed the Grootbos Foundation as a small grants facility to support the local green economy, enabling the Foundation to distribute grants for local small-scale conservation projects over a 3-year period. This project is run in partnership with Whale Coast Conservation, enabling us to double our reach within the Overberg region. 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 heartfelt thanks go to our donors, who enable us to continue to fight for the environment and communities of the beautiful region we are fortunate enough to call home.

Sean & Julie
The Grootbos Foundation vision: The Conservation of the Cape Floral Kingdom and the upliftment of the communities therein.

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.
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PROGRAMMES

Green Futures
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.

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

Siyakhula
Employability and enterprise development programmes, including organic farming, artisanal skills and ecotourism initiatives for sustainable livelihoods.
With few employment, education and training opportunities available to youth in a socio-economically challenged region, where the unemployment rate is even higher than the national average, the Green Futures College has provided valuable training opportunities in the fields of horticulture and subsequently hospitality, field ranging and guiding over the last 15 years.

47 students graduated from the Green Futures college in the last year.

The training and development of community youth, works to empower and transform lives. During 2017, a further 47 students graduated the Green Futures College, joining an alumni of 190 graduates.

The horticulture training has transitioned to a combination of Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO) accreditation and Adult Basic Education Training (ABET), which is equivalent to Grade 11 under the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET). This qualification offers our students credible, in-depth training to take into the working world and a basis from which to bring about change in their lives.

Green Futures College makes use of excursions to broaden students’ experiences. Some examples include a visit to Harold Porter Botanical Gardens, Stony Point penguins, Haygrove tunnels and Delaire Graff Estate outside Stellenbosch. Each year three of the top horticulture students are selected to experience the Eden Project, in Cornwall in the UK and Kew Gardens. This provides not only an incentive, but also an incredible learning experience for the Green Futures horticulture students to experience the very best in their fields.

The alumni of the Green Futures College are monitored for a further five years after graduation, as they progress in various employment avenues.

Green Futures has an extensive indigenous fynbos nursery on site and offers landscaping services in the area to contribute to the Green Futures College funding. The nursery has 273 indigenous plant species for sale, promotes water-wise gardening and gardening using local plant material over exotics species.

Green Futures College students gain practical experience participating in the various nursery propagation and landscaping projects undertaken. Examples in 2017 include the rehabilitation of fynbos sites near to Pearly Beach, the rehabilitation of quarries and the landscaping of the Masakhane Primary School.
Our Grootbos Foundation conservation and research team has had a very successful and rewarding year. While our primary focus has been, and always will be, on the conservation of our beautiful Grootbos Reserve, we have also continued to expand our involvement beyond our borders into the greater Walker Bay and Agulhas Plain region. The conservation of ecological and evolutionary processes does not stop at property boundaries and the long term health of the Grootbos Reserve depends on the maintenance and restoration of surrounding natural landscapes. The Cape Floral Kingdom is internationally recognised as a region of critical biodiversity which is highly threatened. The lowlands of the Agulhas Plain are one of the hotspots for conservation in the Cape Floral Kingdom and after two decades of conservation involvement in our region, the Grootbos Foundation is well positioned to play a meaningful role in conservation planning and implementation on the Agulhas Plain. The threats we face are immediate and dire, and it is crucial that we act now to save our region, the Grootbos Foundation continues to support the Walker Bay Fynbos Conservancy and continues to drive efforts to establish a green corridor between the WBFC and the Agulhas National Park.

Our ongoing role in supporting the development of the Walker Bay Fynbos Conservancy has resulted in the growth of the Conservancy to 33 landowners who collectively own 17,500 hectares of high conservation value lowland fynbos. The Grootbos Foundation continues to support the Conservancy through part-funding of the WBFC manager as well as by providing office, transport and logistic support. Highlights include the development and launch of the Klipspringer Mountain Bike Trail (of which a large portion traverses the Grootbos Witvoetskloof property) and funding R650,000 for ongoing clearing of alien vegetation. This alien clearing program employs 40 people and is focused on crucial follow up clearing to prevent the further spread of invasive alien vegetation.

Within the Agulhas Green Corridor we have completed the mapping of the remaining critically endangered Elim ferricrete fynbos of only 5% remains. Our focus now shifts onto working with private landowners to conserve these last remnants of this critically endangered vegetation type. To that end, we have signed a servitude on Farm 215. The servitude is signed in partnership with Fauna and Flora International (FFI), ensuring the long term conservation of the remaining area of critically endangered fynbos in the WBFC. This area forms a crucial link in the conservation corridor between Walker Bay and Cape Agulhas National Park.

Our Future Trees forest rehabilitation project involves the rehabilitation of ancient Milkwood tree forests on Grootbos. This scientifically devised rehabilitation project is based on the earliest available historic aerial photographs taken in 1937, which provides a baseline for forest areas at that time. Through ongoing botanical surveying our plant species list for the Green Corridor is currently at 1,105 species. This year Grootbos Lodges kindly sponsored the purchase of new herbarium cabinets to properly house this extensive plant collection.

Through our survey, we have discovered six new species to science and many important range extensions for rare and threatened species. For these species, Grootbos Nature Reserve provides a home and a ‘safe haven’, protecting them from the spread of alien vegetation, agricultural expansion and other harmful human activities.

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We have intensified our research into the mammal fauna of Grootbos and the Walker Bay region, increasing the number of motion sensor cameras that we actively monitor. Through this work we are developing a detailed spatial understanding of the species, their densities, ranges and movement corridors. This has resulted in many exciting finds and opened up a whole new understanding of the shy and elusive mammal fauna of the Walker Bay region.

Ongoing ecological monitoring is vital to inform conservation decisions. It is useful in mitigating human-wildlife conflict, and understanding ecological processes. We use non-invasive wildlife monitoring, by making use of on-the-ground tracking and motion sensing camera technology. These cameras have been shown to be the most effective means of gaining knowledge on these elusive species.

We have identified the Cape Leopard as an ambassador species to create conservation awareness. Conserving an apex predator, such as the Cape Leopard, assists with the conservation of all species in the landscape. Individual Cape Leopard have unique pelage markings which allow us to create unique identikits which allows us to monitor movement patterns and identify home ranges, and 16 individual leopard have been identified using this method.

Many species are persecuted as perceived vermin; by monitoring and creating awareness amongst landowners, we aim to reduce the conflict between humans and wildlife.

The Grootbos Foundation access 36 motion sensing cameras across the region and are in the process of adding an additional 10 cameras to the monitoring grid. Other species which have been observed for the first time within the Conservancy, include the Yellow Mongoose, Cape Fox, Steenbok, Bat-eared Fox. A healthy breeding population of bushpig has also being picked up close to forest areas.
The Football Foundation is the Grootbos Foundation’s flagship multi-sport youth programme, which aims to promote greater social integration and to educate and empower youth, using sport as a vehicle for change. The Football Foundation creates a safe, positive space for children of the Cape Floral Kingdom to learn and grow. The programme is anchored based at the centrally located multipurpose sports facility in Gansbaai and provides coaching support at 6 sites daily across the Overberg.

Together with the local team of Foundation coaches, the Football Foundation is active six days a week with after school-sports programming, is active in 16 under-resourced schools assisting with sports programming, assists with motor skills in local pre-primary schools, runs holiday programmes and ensures the Foundation’s sports teams attend weekly matches, fixtures and trials.

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The Football Foundation has received support to implement a feeding scheme to supplement nutrition and improve the protein content of the children’s diet. We offer multiple sports codes, including soccer, netball, hockey, athletics, cross country, rugby, canoeing and a water safety programme. Educational programmes alongside sports training, assists and supports our marginalised youth with the many challenges they face.

These programmes include:

- **The Female Empowerment Programme** provides a safe, confidential space for adolescent girls and young women to discuss and work through the pressures, concerns and questions they face.
- **Dibanisa Environmental Education Programme** is an excursion and experiential based programme designed to bring about an appreciation and passion for environmental issues.
- **Food for Sport** assists learners to understand the basics of nutrition, how this plays a role on the sports field and teaches them the fundamentals of planting their own home gardens.
- **Grassroots Soccer HIV/AIDS programme** uses soccer as a medium to explain HIV in a culturally sensitive curriculum, presented in a fun and interactive way.

Our Football Foundation provides daily coaching at 6 sites across the Overberg.

“Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. Sport can awaken hope where there was previously only despair. Sport speaks to people in a language they can understand.”

Nelson Mandela, 25 May, 2000
The ‘Rock the Boat’ development canoeing programme brings children from divergent backgrounds together through the sport of canoeing on the Klein River. This programme has grown from strength to strength since 2016. During the course of the year the programme has covered a diversity of canoeing related disciplines providing children with skills from basic water safety, to competitive sprint, marathon paddling and even paddling down challenging flowing rivers. In just its second year the team from Stanford has grown in numbers and ability, taking part in a number of regattas and achieving regular medals at the provincial and national championships.

One of the highlights of the year was the bronze medal achieved by Hayward Gibson and Matthew Privett in the U14 boys category at the recent South African championships in Pretoria.

The Foundation wishes to acknowledge the partnership of the Stanford Canoe club members and in particular the dedicated and tireless, voluntary support of Rodger Duffet in helping us to make this program a success.

Football Foundation Highlight

‘Rock The Boat’
Development Canoeing Programme

The Grootbos Foundation volunteer programme provides essential capacity to our Football Foundation. Green volunteers taking part in the conservation and organic farm operations also add critical additional support and assistance.

A total of 43 volunteers and interns joined the Foundation’s operation over the last year. 30 of these assisted the Football Foundation sports for development programmes, reaching 9,858 beneficiaries.

We are particularly excited to partner with international universities to provide intern placements and experience for various academic course requirements.

Our current partners:
Windesheim University, NHTV
Breda University of Applied Sciences,
North Carolina State University,
University of New Brunswick,
Canadian and the University of Applied Science of Saarbrucken.
Growing the Future continues to run as a small commercial enterprise selling fresh produce, microherbs, free range eggs and fynbos honey to the Grootbos Lodge kitchens. It provides valuable income to the Foundation.

2017 saw the need to redesign and further develop the farm. Thanks to the generosity of the Grootbos Lodges the farm now includes three polytunnels tunnels, an area under shade net and a hydroponic growing space. These protected areas and spaces allow for a longer growing season, use less water and help to protect the produce from porcupines, birds, snails and tortoises. Production amounted to five tonnes of organic produce supplied in the last financial year. Our micro-herb tunnel now produces 4 kg of micro-herbs each week.

The Growing the Future revamp saw the introduction of a dedicated farm kitchen, allowing for product development, creating value added produce from farm surpluses and catering for hiking trail lunches; a dedicated honey extraction room and a crafts room for candle recycling and beaded item production.

Growing the Future Highlights

EGGS
We have 500 free range chickens which supplied 44,599 eggs in the last year.

HONEY
A tonne of fynbos honey was harvested from the 180 active hives. We have 220 hives on the reserve in total and are expanding to a total of 300 on the reserve.

PIGS
The Foundation pigs assist the Grootbos lodge kitchens in eliminating their organic kitchen waste and were fed 9,122 kg of kitchen waste in the last year.

INDIAN RUNNER DUCKS
The farm has introduced Indian Runner ducks to assist with the pest control of the organic farm.

CANDLE RECYCLING
Candle wax is recycled from the lodges eliminating wax waste and creating local employment. 39,530 candles were produced in the last year.
Passion, drive and motivation are essential for high school learners and youth in the Overberg, as many face the challenges posed by overcrowded, under-resourced schools and low academic standards. High dropout rates and a lack of access to learning opportunities remain real issues for large parts of the Overberg.

The Careers, Employability and Enterprise Programme focuses on supporting subject choices, career guidance, employability skills training and workplace experiences within the high school system. Through the high school programme, in 2017, 64 young adults were supported through our entrepreneurship programme and 12 small businesses have been assisted with mentoring and seed funding, which aims to stimulate the local economy and generate an income for individuals.

This programme is now entering its’ fifth year, and we are proud of the young entrepreneurs who have emerged.

In 2017, the Grootbos Foundation and Whale Coast Conservation were appointed as Small Grants Facility by the Table Mountain Fund. The Small Grants are valued at R30,000 each, and will support 42 projects through the joint funding within the Overberg ‘green economy’. The grants are available to ‘green’ projects with conservation, social upliftment and social enterprise objectives.

The Small Grants have supported the following projects in 2017:

1. Penguin Stories by Art Zoo aims to share the plight of penguin conservation through stop animation workshops, with the involvement of local CapeNature officials. The workshops are aimed at school children who are involved in the animation, filming and editing of the project. Tribal Echo has recorded a song to accompany the animation. The workshop was hosted 3 times, with 24 beneficiaries.

2. Farm 215 Conservation Servitude Alien Clearing by Siyanda Alien Clearing. A local alien clearing team was contracted to spend two weeks clearing Port Jacksons in the critically endangered Elim Ferricrete Fynbos. 12 Women were employed and received alien clearing training as a result of the grant.

3. Antjies Seamstress Training by Antjies Handmade Naturals. This project provided 10 local Stanford women with seamstress training. This grant supported another small grants project by producing reusable sanitary ware samples.

4. Reed Removal from the Willem Appel Dam by the Stanford Conservation Trust. The SCT received a grant to remove reeds from the Willem Appel Dam. The Phragmites and Typha grow as a result of an oversupply of nutrients in the water, reducing oxygen and aquatic life within the water. Once the reeds have been removed, they will be composted and sold to the local community.

5. Swap Shop and Environmental Education by the Pearly Beach Conservancy. The swap shop encourages local children to pick up litter, which they trade for tickets that are redeemable at the swap shop. Basic items like pencils and toothbrushes and hygiene products are made available for 1 or 2 tokens, and higher value luxury items require a larger number of tokens.

6. Blinkwaters Co-op Small Scale Fishing Community. The Blinkwaters Co-op is based in Buffeljachtsbaai, and harvests and processes sourfigs and seafood, which they sell at markets to create a sustainable income for their communities.

7. Insect Surveys by Gabi Kietske. This project supports the Whole Coast Conservation Chameleon relocation project, which will compare insect activity on existing sites earmarked for development, to a relocation site and a control site to assess whether the site will provide a suitable habitat.

Our thanks goes to the Table Mountain Fund for the investment made into the Overstrand.

“It changed me by making me hungry for more, I wanted to learn more, and I will now become who I wanna be someday, because nothing is impossible, everything is possible.”

SIYA
The Masakhane Community Farm is in its second year of operation and we are extremely proud of the progress that has been made. The community project provides an informative, safe space for micro farmers to produce their own vegetables. The project has given many of its beneficiaries a sense of purpose and has created a shared green space with a strong sense of community.

Urban Agriculture training was extended to 47 women and 17 men in 2017, and gardening inputs (seeds, compost, seedlings, and water) were provided for 64 participants. The project further assisted 11 home gardens and in partnership with the Department of Agriculture, the project has committed to another 21 home gardens.

Since August, the Community Farm has made regular sales to the Grootbos Lodge kitchens. The harvest consists of foraged ingredients, such as Soutlaai, Kinkelbos and Dune Spinach. This source of income assists some of the operational expenses incurred.

In 2017 The Community Farm was supported by the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives and through their support, we were able to provide Urban Agriculture Training, buy a micro tunnel, equip our kitchen for value added products and Loubie Rusch to host a Wild Foods workshop with 55 of our community members.

The Community Farm has become a key anchor in supporting our Dibanisa Conservation Education and Food4Sport nutritional programmes. Together these two educational programmes reached 121 local children.

“...I didn’t realize that I can get off from where I was before. And now I am a better person because everyone in the community didn’t think I will come a better person in life.’

SIYAKHULA
Masakhane Community Farm

SIYAKHULA
Early Childhood Development

More than 800 children below the age of 6, are in need of day-care, pre-primary, and after-care schooling in the Masakhane and Stanford areas. The current facilities are not registered and are ill-equipped and to cater for the needs of the community and the children.

In partnership with Flower Valley Conservation Trust, the Grootbos Foundation supports the Good Hope, Takalaine and Masakhane Early learning centres, reaching 175 children. The Foundation has been instrumental in supporting teachers in acquiring the necessary qualifications, upgrading the facilities and addressing and working towards getting these facilities registered with the Department of Social Development.

The Grootbos Foundation is also working with key community stakeholders and the Overstrand Municipality to bring about an additional much needed Early Learning Center that will cater for facilities for a further 180 children.

Our objective is to provide a safe, developmentally appropriate, fun and educational environment for young children.

In partnership with I-Med vision, the Foundation is piloting primary health care access and early detection workshops for local pre-primary, primary educators and parents in Masakhane. The aim is to provide knowledge and digital tools to ensure the early detection of diseases, development anomalies and visual or hearing disorders. The I-Med vision app has been developed to reliably support educators through modern technology and assist with the creation an early warning and hopefully prevention system.

EXAMPLES INCLUDE:

- Assisted with the re-opening of schools after vandalism incidents.
- Installed vegetable food gardens at Strandloperptjies (Blompark) and Yomemlani (Zwelihle) childhood development centres.
- Assisted with fire and storm damage in Masakhane.
- Held a beanie and cupcake event at a Masakhane early learning centre.
- Landscaped the gardens of Hermanus Hospice.

SIYABONGA

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, 899 beneficiaries and various initiatives benefited from the Grootbos Foundation spreading the love.

Random Acts of Kindness

Installed vegetable food gardens at Strandloperptjies (Blompark) and Yomemlani (Zwelihle) childhood development centres.
In the last 23 years Michael has developed Grootbos into a premier ecotourism destination, comprising two five-star eco-lodges and two luxury villas. He is a passionate advocate for responsible tourism and was a driving force in the establishment of the Grootbos Foundation, as he identified the need for such an organisation to address the needs of the community. He remains actively involved as Chair.

Michael Lutzeyer (Chairman)

Former Chairman of the JSE and Trustee of Brand South Africa, Geoff sits on the boards of the Grootbos Foundation and Nepad Business Foundation. He is a patron of the Nelson Mandela Children’s Hospital and Education Africa and is an Honorary Industrial Fellow of the Da Vinci Institute of Technology.

Geoff Rothschild

Mr. Vincent Zwelibanzi Mntambo, BJuris, LLB (University of North West), LLM (Yale), is the founder of Sediba Consulting and Sediba Accords. Mr. Mntambo served as a senior lecturer at the University of Natal. He served as Director General of the Gauteng province. Mr. Mntambo serves as Executive Chairman of ASG Business Solutions, as well as Chairman of the Commission of Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration, Eysiezwe Mining (Pty) Limited. He served as Executive Director of IMSSA. He has been a Non-Executive Director of Exxaro Resources Limited since November 2006. He serves as a Non-Executive Director of Eysiezwe Coal (Pty) Limited and Everest Systems Solutions (Pty) Limited.

Vincent Mntambo

Mr. Xolani Msweli was born in the Eastern Cape and started working as the gate attendant at Grootbos Private Nature Reserve, in 2004. He worked his way up to Bar Manager and during his Grootbos career participated in the Cape Legend Inter Hotel Challenge and was nominated the most upcoming sommelier in the country. He is currently a Municipal ward councillor for the Overstrand and is passionate about fighting poverty and uplifting communities in the area. He is currently furthering his studies with a further qualification in Public Accountability at the Nelson Mandela University.

Xolani Msweli

Mr. Sean Privett 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 L’Agulhas Green Corridor project and mentoring young conservationists.

Sean Privett (Conservation Director)

After more than 15 years in the corporate world, Julie joined the Grootbos Foundation in 2014. She has worked across financial services, consulting and manufacturing companies with companies such as Standard Bank, Distell, BMGi and the National Bank of Australia. Julie has proven expertise in strategic business development, general management and programme leadership and holds a B Comm (NMMU). Her passion lies in the field of community development and the empowerment of women.

Julie Cheetham Gettliffe (Managing Director)

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.

Leán Muller

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The Grootbos Foundation is a registered Section 21, non-profit company audited annually by KPMG.

The Grootbos Foundation is a Section 21 not for profit organisation, as registered with the South African Department for Social Development (# 2003/014519/08). The Foundation is audited annually by KPMG and has tax clearance from the South African Revenue Services (SARS).

A Board of seven Directors is in place, and meets 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 also meets monthly, and meetings are 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
• Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE) Level 1 contributor, with more than 90% of our beneficiaries being previously disadvantaged. Donations made to our programmes are eligible for inclusion in various dimensions of the donor organisations’ BBBEE scorecards.

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

Mechanisms include project plans with in-depth indicators, data sources, analysis and reporting. Both quantitative and qualitative methodology is applied across our programme evaluation and digital tools assist with accurate data collection and time saving measures.

We continued to partner with external academic research bodies on the following research in 2017:

**North Carolina State University, USA**

• Building Evaluation Capacity in Sports for Development: Learned Lessons from a Multi-National and Sectorial Team
  • Research and abstract in partnership with Cape Peninsula University of Technology, South Africa; University of New Brunswick, Canada
  • Presented at European Association for Sports Management 2017 Conference, Switzerland

**University of Cape Town, Department of Environmental and Geographical Science**

• Veldkos and imifino: Assessing knowledge about wild edible plants in Gansbaai
  • Researched and paper submitted by Lila Kelly

**Technical University of Munich, Department of Health**

• Baseline study: Discovering Health Literacy and Quality of Life in Masakhane
  • Research carried out by
  • Oluwatobiloba Olatunmbi
  • Carolin Maike
  • Arnold Bittr
  • Christine Reinerreyer
  • Dr Baerbel Reckhardt
  • Dr Markus Reckhardt
  • Joerg Koenistorfer

**Technical University of Munich, Department of Sports & Health, Germany**

• Thriving Plants, Thriving people: the effect of a community garden on participant’s wellbeing and relation to nature in a South African Township
  • Sabrina Lucke and Liz Mamo; Department of Sports and Health

**University of Cape Town, Department of Environmental and Geographical Science**

• Veldkos and imifino: Assessing knowledge about wild edible plants in Gansbaai
  • Researched and paper submitted by Lila Kelly

We have been fortunate to have been assisted...
by three monitoring and evaluation interns over the last year. This extra capacity has enabled us to explore new methods of data collection and has assisted in compiling essential feedback reports. We would like to extend our thanks to Carina Rudolf, Heather Andrews and Charlotte Kamphusmann for their time and support.

Our annual community survey was conducted in July 2018 in Gansbaai and Stanford, among 300 members of the local community. Survey results indicated a high level of awareness of the Grootbos Foundation, with 68% of respondents familiar with someone who has or is participating in a Foundation programme.

Education, safety, youth programmes and sport facilities were identified as the most important community assets valued across all regions surveyed, and we are proud to say that our work supports these values.

This year’s findings saw a noticeable increase in community concerns relating to drug and alcohol abuse. A need for drug and alcohol treatment programmes was identified as the biggest area of need alongside the need for additional Early Childhood Development facilities.

Over the next year, we will be focusing on community food security and nutrition concerns and will be conducting research on health literacy, to determine the effectiveness of our partnership with the IMED Vision ‘Health Revolution’ programme, supporting local Early Childhood Development Centres in Gansbaai.

68% of our local community are familiar with the Foundation it’s various programmes.

On the ecological research front, we are excited to better understand the entomological world of the fynbos. We have partnered with the University of Stellenbosch in this instance.
Our annual financial statements have been audited by independent auditors, KPMG, who were given unrestricted access to all financial reports and related data.

**INCOME STATEMENT**

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<th>2018</th>
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<td>Revenue</td>
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<td>Operating Expenses</td>
<td>(8 497 849)</td>
<td>(8 822 701)</td>
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<td>Gross Profit</td>
<td>868 127</td>
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<td>Net finance income</td>
<td>147 735</td>
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<td>Net surplus for the year</td>
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**BALANCE SHEET**

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**OUR SUPPORTERS**

- Swiss Re Foundation
- Grootbos Private Nature Reserve
- Premier League
- Table Mountain Fund (Conservation and Small Grants)
- Breede & Capelle
- Kerr & Downey
- Canada Fund for Local Initiatives
- Bjoern Scheib
- Dr Ingrid Schneider and Sabine Stransky
- Stanford Canoe Club
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- Yellow Foundation
- Dr Gerhard & Frauke Buettner
- Rolf-Stephan Nussbaum Foundation
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- Maser Couple
- Matthias Kirschner
- Chiappini Charitable Trust
- Delf Ness/Alster Hockey Club
- Jack Cheetham Awards
- Bona Dea (Concert R30 000?)
- German Consulate General
- F Unite
- WCCU
- Norbert Frank
- Gerrit van Niekerk
- Rotary Hermanus
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- Kew Gardens
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- New Balance
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