

CHAIRMAN,S REPORT FOR AGM
YEAR JUNE 1st 07.....MAY 31st 08

RECYCLE SWOP SHOP

1]...June started the year well when we won the mayor,s award for Environmental Conservation against some stiff competition. The floating trophy carried with it a R5000 cheque and our thanks go to Winnie Ainsbury who put together the paper work nominating Swop Shop.

2]...Our logo, produced by Winnie,s son Rowan , was adopted by all of us in committee as being both professional and an apt reflection of our RSS endeavoura smiling face.

3]...Funds from the Cleanest Town Funding Award allowed us to make some serious improvements both in and outside the shop.

Shelving was installed in the shop and made our lives easier and tidier to manage.

Theo suggested improving the outside children,s and mothers, waiting area and importantly providing access for the children from Hou Moed garden area instead of the road.Theo gave us a quote for the job which we accepted and the work was done by his senior boys including extending the roof . Now much more friendly in the winter.

A big thanks to theo and his lads.

We finished the job by installing two benches in the area to provide a little comfort for those waiting.

4]...In mid year we received a generous donation of home knitted woollen scarves,gloves and beanies from Cookie Kershaw , which were very popular and this was followed by husband David providing our children with hot soup for 11 weeks.

OUR GRATEFUL THANKS AGAIN

5]...In Sept a group of our children enjoyed a visit to Fernkloof Flower Show accompanied by Marilyn and Swop Shop had promotional stand during the Whale Festival in the OCF Sustainable Living Exhibition.Our display was up to the task and created interest among those who bothered to stop.

6]...In October we received our NPO Registration ,which strengthens our credibility when promoting Swop Shop concept to aspiring others and hopefully will help us if/when we ever need to raise money.

7]...In Nov. we held our Xmas Party attended by +/- 80 children which was a great success. Bouncy castle etc etc.

8]...Dec. saw the opening of the Gansbaai Swop Shop sponsored and inspired by Charmaine Beukes of White Shark Projects . Marilyn and I together with our two

volunteers Olwethu and Thembiliswe attended the opening with our two volunteers speaking to the children on how the system works.

WE HAVE SOME REAL COMPETITION!

8]...Feb. we were pleased to see two of our volunteers Lindile and Syabonga off To college in CT.

9]...In April we received a wonderful shipment of winter clothes from Good Shepherd School in Pennsylvania USA which of course sold in the shop like hot cakes.

10]...Several of our volunteers had a new real life experience in May courtesy of Walker Bay Adventures when they had an opportunity to go out kayaking .A great experience for all.

11]...During the year our children +/- 1800 in all and mothers +/- 250 collected just over 18 tons of recyclable waste .

12]...Lastly but certainly not least we would like to thank all those who have supported us so well during the year....individuals from overseas and South Africa,other NPOs and Local companies.

- David Smith