

## DIENS BO EIE BELANG

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### ROTARY KLUB OF OUDTSHOORN

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Meetings: Thursdays 12:45

Location: Oudtshoorn Retirement Village



**SERVICE ABOVE SELF**

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### ROTARY KLUB VAN OUDTSHOORN

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Byeenkoms: Donderdae 12:45

Plek: Oudtshoorn Aftree Oord

Project Officer  
Wilde Ganzen Foundation

#### PIEREWIET CRECHE UPGRADE

We refer to our last report and wish to file this final report regarding the Pierewiet Crèche Upgrade project and the money that we still had left since our last report.

As indicated in our report dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019, there was an amount of R72 115 left of the original budget amount.

As indicated we intended to use the money for the following:

- A new gas stove
- New mattresses
- Educational material

We were positive and hoped that ESKOM and/or the local municipality would expand the electricity supply to the region, so that we could spare the costs of the upgrading of the solar system. This however did not materialise and to this date we still have not received any confirmation from ESKOM or the Municipality when such expansion could be expected, if ever. In view thereof we had no alternative but to upgrade the solar system, as some of the existing batteries had to be replaced anyway. We therefor upgraded the system with more solar panels and new batteries, but a lesser amount was spent than initially that on the initial budget. We also repaired the fridge, which were damage due to the inconsistent power supply. The total costs hereof amounted to **R38 967.74**.

When the gutters and water tanks were installed, we saw the potential of installing a fourth tank. Due to the severe drought and water shortage, we deem it necessary to install it, while we had the opportunity. The costs of the extra water tank, gutters to supply the water to it, building of the foundation, labour and paint for several areas that needed repainting, amounted to **R21 142.50**.

We bought a new gas stove, amounting to **R2 360.00**

The existing sandpits had to be sanitised, refilled with new sand and covers made to comply with health and safety requirements. To ensure social distancing, we added another two sandpits and had covers made for these as well. The cost thereof amounted to **R6500.00**

We bought new educational toys and equipment of **R3 127.84**.

All these expenses added up to **R72 098.08**, depleting the available budget amount.

We still intend to buy stackable day beds/mattresses for the crèche. We are still getting quotes and doing homework on what will be the most cost effective. It seems that it will cost us between R200 – R350 per

bed/mattress and at least 20 will be needed. This will be paid by the crèche itself. Due to the closure of the crèche during the national lockdown due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the crèche had certain saving on expenditures and can afford to pay these themselves.

We trust that the aforementioned meets your approval.

We wish to thank you once again for your assistance herein. It is truly and much appreciated. We hope and trust that we would be able to work together on future projects such as these. We are a small, but committed Rotary club, adamant to better early childhood development facilities in our area.

Kind regards

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