



BENEFITING THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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CONNECTING COMMUNITIES



Konkoonsies Solar Power is supporting a locally owned internet café to provide affordable access to internet and printing services to the communities of Pofadder, Onseepkans and Pella.

The support includes the establishment of the site that will house the container business and the supply of the container, in addition to the necessary printing equipment and computers, amongst other essentials. The solar plant will also provide funds to cover the salary of three employees and other running costs, for a certain period.

"Our aim is to help grow this young enterprise into a sustainable business whilst helping the communities of the area to have proper internet access, as community members currently need to travel long distances for adequate access, which is costly and draining."

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*With funding for a container business **Mr Wallace** will be able to expand and employ two additional people from the community.*



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WELCOME TSHOLOFELO

Tsholofelo Moote has joined Konkoonsies Solar Power as their Economic Development Practitioner to help drive and implement the solar farm's economic development programme, which is designed to benefit the communities of Pofadder, Onseepkans and Pella.



SUCCESS FOR RICHARDINE



Pofadder local, **Richardine Jardine** is one of the youth who has benefitted from Konkoonsies Solar Power's bursary programme, which has been running for over three years. She successfully completed her degree at the end of 2019 and has settled back in the neighbouring town of Aggeneys, just 60kms from Pofadder and has taken up the position of Grade 3 Teacher at Laerskool Aggeneys Primary.

Richardine studied a Bachelor of Education degree and received positive and supportive feedback from teachers at the school where she did her practical training.

The bursary programme offers Pofadder, Onseepkans and Pella learners' access to a University or College education and all study expenses including textbooks, accommodation and travel are included.



FARMING IN THE HEART OF THE KAROO

Pella Food Garden Cooperative has increased its productively, with help from Konkoonsies Solar Power. With the additional funding support, this remarkable farming project, in the heart of the extreme Karoo environment, is able to employ more people.



"It is remarkable to see that Pella Food Garden Cooperative is a sustainable business that grows its product locally, supplies this produce to its community that is too isolated to get fresh produce elsewhere, and of course that this business also employs locally, which helps to further benefit local families."

