

PEBBLES PROJECT

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PEBBLES AGM

The Pebbles Annual General Meeting took place on the 20th of June at the Joostenberg Conference Centre in Stellenbosch.

Over 100 attendees enjoyed a cozy gathering where donors, partners and supporters were able to directly interact with the various Programme Managers and their respective teams to find out more about their programmes.

A presentation presented by management and trustees sharing an overview of the organisations 2024 highlights, struggles, financials and future plans.

Our sincerest thanks to everyone who braved the weather to come and spend the morning with us. We greatly appreciate it.

VISIT US AT CAPE WINE 2025

Exciting news! Pebbles will be one of only three stakeholders featured at the Cape Wine event taking place from 10 - 12 September 2025 at the Cape Town International Convention Centre.

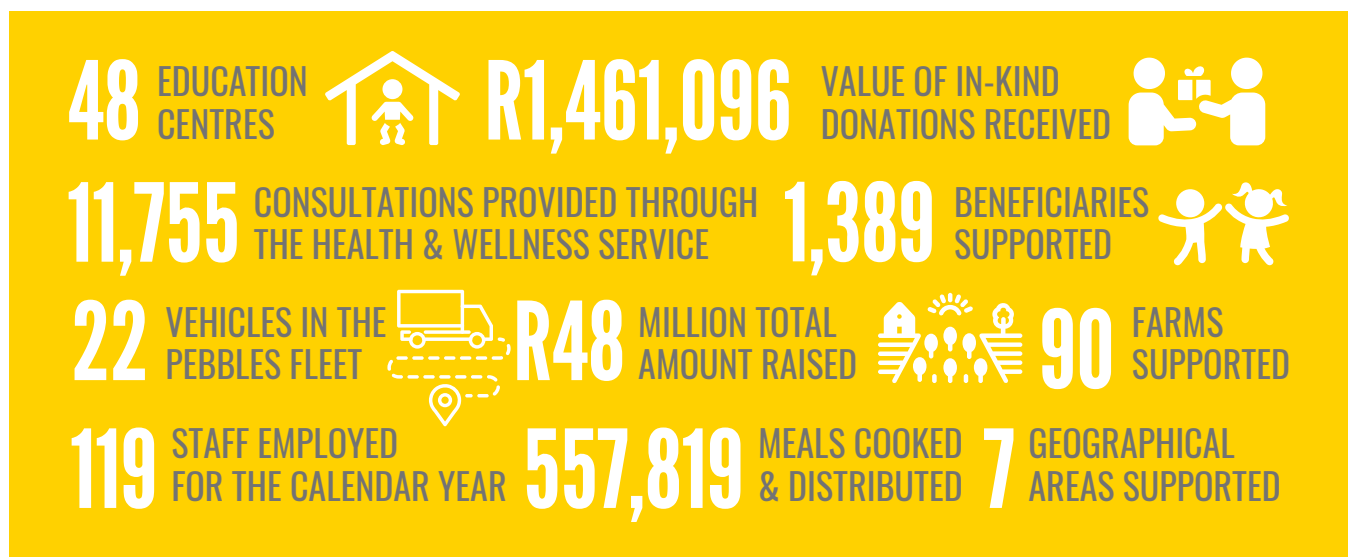
The Pebbles fundraising team will be at the event to share more about how we are supporting children and families in the South African wine industry.

Come and visit our team at Stand A26.1 to learn more about our programmes and impact and how you can get involved.

We hope to see you there!

2024 SUMMARY REPORT

Discover how your support made a difference. [Click here](#) to read our latest Annual Report highlighting the impact made within the communities we support.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Aimee Chadwick filled in for a Pebbles employee who was on maternity leave in September of 2010.

Working for Pebbles was her dream, so she decided she would work so hard, that they will have no choice but to offer her a full-time position at Pebbles once the maternity cover ended.

Fifteen years later, Aimee is still with the organisation and currently fills the position of Grabouw's Area Manager.

Aimee is the proud mother of two beautiful little ones, fulfilling her childhood dream of becoming a mother.

Aimee enjoys spending time with her family, the sounds of nature, stormy weather and no cellphone reception. She equally dislikes carrying lots of heavy grocery bags and bullies.

We are lucky to have Aimee as an integral part of the Pebbles team.



PEBBLES ACADEMY

We are proud to announce that the Pebbles Academy's daily learner attendance rate has grown to an impressive average of 96% - a true testament of the fun and nurturing environment created by Mr. Johan van Tonder (Principal) and his loving wife Mrs. Hantie van Tonder who joined the organisation in 2024.

During the last quarter, the Pebbles Academy established two new classrooms for the Grade R learners and a classroom dedicated to English learners in Grade 1 and Grade 2.

The Academy's dedicated cross country team took part in several local school tournaments. Nine of the learners that took part proudly placed in the top three for their respective age groups. The Academy is hosting their very own cross country tournament in the coming weeks and have invited all the schools in the surrounding area to participate.

The Grade 7 learners recently spent a fun morning at Bisque in Hermanus where they were taught the various techniques used to decorate pottery as part of their Art Programme training.



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Pebbles Project internal social workers held psychosocial sessions with the young adults who attend the Stellenbosch Youth Development Centre with the preparation for upcoming work placements as a key focus.

A total of seventeen young adults have signed up for the internal Youth Development Programme (YDP) in Stellenbosch and we look forward to be on this journey with them.

The Hemel-en-Aarde Youth Development Centre recently welcomed twenty-three new young adults and hosted a structured induction week that focused on orientation and programme expectations.

These young adults also attended a session on stress management, providing them with valuable tools for emotional well-being.

The Pebbles Health Clinic team conducted health and dental screenings on all of the young adults to ensure that any health needs are addressed.

MANDELA DAY ACTIVITIES

Celebrate Mandela Day with us by participating in our Fun Run/Walk at the scenic Villiera Wines in Stellenbosch on the 18th of July 2025.

Get Your Tickets:

Purchase your ticket here: [Pebbles Project Mandela Day Fun Run/Walk Tickets](#) or pay on the day.

Complete one or more loops of our 4.5 km route during 67 minutes of movement. A tribute to the 67 years Nelson Mandela dedicated to fighting for social justice.

All proceeds will support Pebbles Project's programmes and services.

Collection Drives:

Should you wish to run a collection drive at your office or amongst friends please refer to our wish list available on our website.

For more information please contact Mignon at mignon@pebblesproject.co.za or phone us at +27 (0) 21 865 1003.

RIDE FOR CAUSE AT FNB WINES2WHALES MTB CHALLENGE

Pebbles Project is proud to be an official beneficiary of the upcoming FNB Wines2Whales MTB Challenge taking place from 31 October - 09 November 2025.

By purchasing your entry through Pebbles, you are not just signing up for an unforgettable experience you are helping support the Pebbles Hemel-en-Aarde Education Project, empowering children in local farming communities through access to quality education.

Four Rider team entries are available for the Pinotage leg of the race.

For more information or to secure your spot please visit our website or email Madelein at madelein@pebblesproject.co.za

JENIC'S STORY

23-year-old Jenic was born and raised on a Citrus Farm in Citrusdal. Her journey with the Pebbles Project began when she was a primary school learner attending the Pebbles Project After-School Club on the farm.

"I loved the art and computer literacy lessons, I learned so much," she recalls. She developed a close and lasting bond with the SEP practitioner at the After-School Club, who played a meaningful role in her journey.



Jenic went on to study a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree at the University of the Western Cape. After completing her undergraduate degree, Jenic pursued a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) to become a qualified teacher.

Soon after graduating, she saw a job advertisement that stopped her in her tracks, it was for a SEP Educator and Trainer at Pebbles Project at the very same After-School Club on Patrysberg where her journey started. Now, Jenic spends her days as a role model and mentor to the next generation of learners on Patrysberg farm. She works to create the same safe and inspiring space that once shaped her.

Her family is incredibly proud of her achievements. "I'm the first person in my close family to get a degree," she shares. When asked what Pebbles Project means to her, Jenic reflects: "I feel so thankful. I've seen how tough things are for children in my community, how they can feel defeated, and I've seen how Pebbles helps them broaden their skills and dream bigger. ***Pebbles changed my life. Pebbles made me want to learn, to rise above my circumstances, and now I want to help others do the same.***"

The Pebbles Project team is deeply proud of Jenic, her strength, humility, and the way she has come full circle, now uplifting the community that helped raise her. [Click here](#) to read Jenic's full story.

SHUTDOWN NOTICE

Please take note that the Pebbles Project offices will be closed from 07 - 11 July 2025 for our annual shutdown.

This gives our staff an opportunity to rest, recharge, and spend some quality time with their families during the school holidays.

We will be back in office on the 14th of July 2025.

We thank you for your understanding!

Thank you



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