

Thusananga HBCA & Khaya Lokukhanya

June 2008

An update on the construction of our new premises, with the developmental grant given to us by [Unite the Union \(Amicus Foundation\) AEEU](#).

Time has certainly passed quickly this year and we are pleased to report the excellent progress with our new building here in South Africa! The following report is a summary of the great work that Angus McRae, Basie and the construction team from Barkly East have put into the new building for Thusananga and Khaya Lokukhanya.

After a few battles with transport we have finally got all our materials on site.



Moving the bricks on to the site



Angus and his Jo Jo

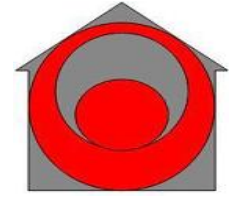
The brickwork is complete and at the moment we are busy with the electrical and plumbing reticulation and will start plastering the internal walls within the next week. The roof trusses were manufactured on site and the whole roof went on in the 2nd week of June. We had a traditional roof wetting braai (BBQ) on Friday afternoon 13 June. All the team had a great time and we slaughtered a sheep for the occasion!



Maggie, Thusananga care giver manager and the braai



A room with a view



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We had been pushing to get our roof on so that the winter weather doesn't hold us up too much. Stanly Cloete the electrician delivered the electrical boxes and conduits so the team can start the plastering towards the end of the month. Costing wise we are on budget. Unfortunately some of the savings that had been made on some of the materials has been off set against the transport costs and we are all aware of the sky rocketing cost of fuel worldwide. (A full invoice is included with this report)

The construction team has been doing a great job, showing real spirit, commitment and pride in their work. We have twice daily site meetings and the teamwork has developed over the weeks and been really fantastic to see.



The Construction Team

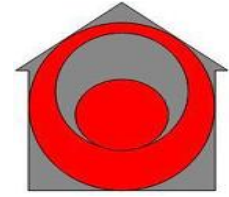


Billy Nielveldt, Hansie Morris, Mario Abrahams, NicoTheron

The build has been tackled a bit differently with respect to the labour as Angus has given the Forman (Basie), senior brick layer (Mario) a lot of the decision making and responsibility on site. They have controlled the materials on site, their own labour force and the quality of the build.

Angus has also involved them in some of the planning such as materials ordering and wages cash flow.

Angus has introduced important health and safety guidelines while working on site as this can often be lacking in some work forces. Everyone has been issued with safety shoes, hard hats, gloves, overalls and eye protection. A strict fine system is in place for non compliance set up by the staff themselves with the money raised going towards the roof wetting braai (BBQ).



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The following are part of the construction team:

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| 1. Godfrey 'Basie' Lottering | Foreman, carpenter, plumber |
| 2. Mario Angus Abrahams | Senior Bricklayer, plasterer, carpenter |
| 3. Atta Jurie Morris | Bricklayer, plasterer |
| 4. Lucas De Klerk | Bricklayer, Laborer |
| 5. Hansie Morris | Laborer |
| 6. Nico Theron | Laborer |
| 7. Bryan Theron | Laborer |
| 8. Rodney Lottering | Painter Laborer |
| 9. Danie Lottering | Laborer |
| 10. Elroy Lottering | Painter, Laborer |
| 11. Billy Nieveldt | Laborer |
| 12. Piet (casual labour) | Wheel barrow , truck off loader and concrete mixer |
| 13. Koos (casual labour) | Wheelbarrow, truck off loader and concrete mixer |
| 14. Andries(causal labour) | Wheel barrow, truck off loader and concrete mixer |

We have also had some help from some of the patients from Thusananga HBCA.

The only issue we face at the moment is with the Senqu local municipality. There is currently no-one employed as a building inspector or in the planning office. Thing should be rectified soon.



Inside, before and after - our new roof!