

# Hangberg Educational Trust (HET)

## HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

### as at 30 July 2015

**May 2012 to Feb 2013:** HET was incorporated as a Trust by the Master of the Court on 23 May 2012 with two volunteer executive members (Tania Gray and Marquerithe Schreuder) and five trustees. The period May 2012 to February 2013 was a time of many frustrations and learnings. The vision of providing improved infrastructure to 4 private-managed crèches in Hangberg did not come to fruition mainly due to reluctance of the four crèche "owners" to commit to comply with Department of Social Development's minimum requirements for Early Childhood facilities.

**Feb 2013 to April 2013:** The HET team consequently focused its energies on Hout Bay Educare – a registered crèche for 110 children in desperate need of renovation and strong management skills. In February 2013 the team was in the process of obtaining significant funding and a 15 year lease with City of Cape Town so as to develop a new and safe centre. By April 2013 the instability of the surrounding area of Hout Bay Educare was making it close to impossible to develop a safe, well managed pre-school on erf 1794.

**May 2013 to May 2014:** After consultation amongst trustees, the team, the principal of **Sentinel Primary School** (Ms Amanda Engelbrecht) and School Governing Body, it was decided to pursue a development within the Primary School grounds. In August 2013, based on a **Memorandum of Agreement** between the Trust and Sentinel Primary School, permission was granted for the use of a part of Primary School's land by the Ministry of Education's MEC Donald Grant. This permission was subject to the approval of all building plans by Public Works.



**New School Building Plans and Design:** In May 2014 the Department of Public Works approved the new pre-school. The building comprises a contemporary design of light-weight timber and metal sheeting by renowned architect **Dawid de Vaal**. It is an inspiring, authentically South African design with a focus on quality pre-school child development and optimal use of land. Key design elements include high levels of security, an outside undercover play area, loft rooms, sufficient lock up storage, separate entrance for deliveries, two toilets per class room, an outside amphi-theatre, water tanks, a one-way glass observation room and more. The design is an elevated timber structure of gum poles and the South African Pine (SAP) substructure is clad externally with metal sheeting. The raised building capitalises on the scenic views and allows for the migration of sand. The elevation also makes space for the additional undercover playing area. The size of the site is 1369m<sup>2</sup>. The school has a gross construction area of 449m<sup>2</sup> plus an additional 431m<sup>2</sup> of external decks, ramps, paved playing area and the amphitheatre.

**Lack of funding.** In August 2013 the architectural plans were issued to the quantity surveyor, **Sigma QS**, for preliminary cost estimates. A detailed Bill of Quantities was prepared which was used to approach various possible contractors. **Teknon Construction** was identified as the preferred contractor from a cost side and their proven capability at **Ikhaya Lethemba** (see picture). A lack of funding put the building on hold, but not the Trust and its school!



**July 2014 to July 2015:** In July 2014 HET grabbed the opportunity to loan a classroom for a limited period from Sentinel Primary School. In January 2015 the "loan" was extended to two classrooms. **Hangberg Pre-Primary School ("HPP")** opened its "doors" after three weeks of renovations with guidance from **Cecile & Boyd**



and work done by energetic **Camps Bay High School** pupils in lieu of their 67 minutes for Mandela. The 1st Grade R class commenced on Monday 21 July 2014 with 9 little boys. By December 2014 HPP had 24 children. By January 2015, HPP was completely

**oversubscribed with 85 children**, numerous names on the waiting list and realistic capacity for only 60 children in two "loan" classrooms.

**As at July 2015**, R3.65million of the outstanding balance of R4.5million has been secured; assuming an exchange rate of ZAR13.25/€. In November 2014, after numerous due diligence visits and various meetings, a Rotary Club commitment of nearly R3million was agreed and signed. This commitment consists of ZAR350,000 from Rotary Club Am Kap (Sea Point) and friends plus a further €196,000 from German Rotary Clubs<sup>1</sup>. HET has R500,000 individual donor funds and close to R200,000 savings from fundraising activities.

In spite of a **shortfall of around R850,000**, the Trust is committed to the completion of a quality pre-primary school for 120 children by July 2016 especially in light of the over-subscription for pre-school places and the observed positive changes in the children, guardians and community over the past few months. It is believed that the shortfall might be raised in sufficient time and if not, certain extras can always be delayed.



<sup>1</sup> To hear more about Rotary's involvement and decision making, Rotary Am Kap spokesperson on

## JUNE 2015 – JULY 2015

### ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS: A POSSIBLE AFTERCARE / READING CENTRE

**In June 2015** HET was donated a quality 12.76 x 4.6m pre-fab classroom (with facilities for 3 toilets). It was a donation from the Phyllis Jowell Jewish School to Camps Bay High School. As CBHS could not use the classroom, it was agreed to donate it to HET. Based on a preliminary drawing by the Trust's architect, **Dawid de Vaal**, the Trust and Sentinel Primary School agreed to incorporate the structure into the Joint Venture Agreement between the parties. It will be used as an aftercare centre for pre-school children and a venue for volunteer activities such as extra reading in the mornings. The facility will be erected, managed and cared for by HET in a similar way as the new Pre-Primary School to be built in 2016.



**Estimated Costing.** A rough indication is that the concrete base (required for the structure), transport of the structure, repairs, three toilets etc., will be in the **region of R200,000**. These funds will need to be raised separately from the funds raised for the building thus far as the funders' intent was for the new school building and not for an after-care centre. At the same time the team is keen to carry out this quick win as the benefits are the more than just a reading room and possible aftercare space. A lot can be "tested" before building the "big" building in 6 months' time. For example: ground quality, community involvement, impact on the school with builders coming and going and more. Hence the executive team of HET is now also focusing on this fundraising requirement.

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