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4. Geography
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27 January 2026

Petitions for the employment of unemployed qualified teachers and priority hiring within their communities.

We, as the unemployed and qualified teachers of our community (Bitou-Plettenberg Bay KwaNokuthula in particular), on Friday the 23/01/2026 submitted the petition to our local KwaNokuthula schools. As we want to bring attention to the on-going challenge of teacher unemployment within our communities. Many of us are professionally trained, certified and fully qualified educators who remain unemployed despite the persistent shortage in various schools. It is deeply concerning that while schools struggle with inadequate teaching staff, capable and willing teachers within the same community remain without employment. We strongly believe that giving first hiring preference to unemployed teachers within their own communities will benefit both the education system and the community at large. Local teachers understand the language, culture, values and specific needs of their learners/students. Employing community-based teachers also improves teacher retention and strengthens community involvement in education. We therefore humbly requested the following:

That unemployed qualified teachers (*within our community*) be given priority consideration for available teaching post.

That hiring policies promote first preference to teachers within their local communities where vacancies exist.

That the transparent and fair recruitment processes be implemented to ensure equal opportunities for all qualified teachers.

(According to DBE Memorandum dated 1st March 2024 on Report the equal treatment of Funza Lushaka Bursary holders and all other fulltime appointees. The decision made by the Head of Education Department Committee (HEDCOM) and the Council of Education Ministers (CEM) indicated that graduates of the Funza Lushaka Bursary program should not be given priority for employment over other graduates with teaching qualification. The decision was influenced by several key factors: Government Funding Advantage. Equal Opportunity.

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Selective Use Of Bursary.

It has come to our attention that our Circuit Manager, School Principals and School Governing Bodies (SGB) do not comply with the above mentioned Memorandum. We are eager to serve, contribute positively to the education sector and support the academic growth of learners in our communities. We respectfully urge the relevant authorities to give our petition due consideration and take appropriate action.

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1) Do not return it to the ocean. It has stranded as it is either weak, ill, tired or has ingested plastic. 2) Do not place it in a container of water. Turtles are air breathing and can drown if weak and tired. 3) Keep it in a dry, ventilated and room temperature box, preferably placing the turtle on a towel. 4) Contact the turtle rescue number or the local marine stranding organization. 5) Get a location pin

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1) Do not try and chase it into the water - it is either tired, undernourished or weak and wants to rest. 2) Create a safe zone around it and prevent dogs and crowds from approaching it. 3) Call your local marine stranding organization. 4) Take a location pin to share with the rescuers.

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1) Do not try and chase it into the water - it is either tired, undernourished or weak and wants to rest. 2) Create a safe zone around it and prevent dogs and crowds from approaching it. 3) Call your local marine stranding organization. 4) Take a location pin to share with the rescuers. 5) After you have spoken to a marine animal rescuer, and they request you to collect the Penguin, follow their instructions on how to handle it and where to take it. Please be aware that they have extremely sharp beaks and need to be handled with care and cautiously.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A DOLPHIN

1) Check for any obvious injuries. 2) Report to the local marine stranding organization and provide a detailed report of condition and location. 3) Unless advised by the stranding organization, do not attempt to return the dolphin to the ocean. Keep it cool by placing wet towels over it

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It took us some time to accept the fact that we are bidding farewell to Chaz Fraser, a passionate man to uplift others who Born in Africa has worked closely with since 2005. His sudden passing last week shook us to our core and many of our learners who are currently being trained by him and those that have known him for years, needed some time together to remember all the good times with Chaz and the difference he made in their lives by instilling values like discipline, respect, honesty, comradery and hard work.

General coordinator Isabelle remembers it like yesterday when she had a meeting with Chaz in 2005 to discuss the importance of life skill training such as swimming for the young people growing up in the communities around Plettenberg Bay; "We had just discussed rolling out a program for the children of Born in Africa in which Chaz would start to teach them how to be safe in the water and eventually be competent swimmers. Soon after our meeting, a local drowned in the river, a tragedy that unfortunately confirmed that swimming classes for children from the communities are vital to keep them safe.

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6 February - Nadine Tucker ; Michelle Monson ; Yolandi Van Der Merwe Trevor Snyman ; Annie Lucas

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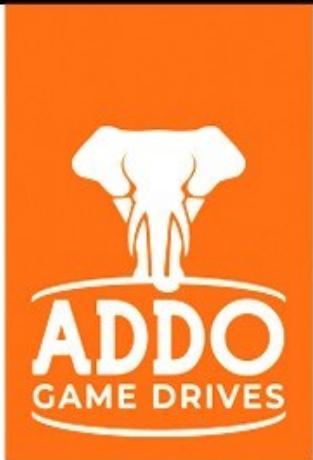
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