



Hermanus Western Cape Red Cross 60th Annual Report 16.9 2019- March 2022 Annual Report

Who are we?

Hermanus Red Cross has been in existence since 1957 within the aegis on Western Cape regional headquarters of the Provincial Red Cross headquarters in Wynberg, Cape Town.

We do not actively seek additional volunteers. We do not fundraise as we have had had generous benefactors. Each Red Cross Branch or Station applies the International and National Organisation's Mission in a way that best suits its own situation on the ground,

Who do we serve?

The local community of Greater Hermanus

Our Provincial and National committees

Our donors and funders

Our staff

Where we work

Our facility is in 2 A Aberdeen Street in Hermanus and the Medical Loans Depot and training venue is in this building. We are involved in Greater Hermanus however respond to Overstrand requests and needs. This building is shared with SANTA and we share some of the structural costs.

What do we do?

- Disaster Management allied to Overstrand Municipality
- Medical Loans Depot
- First Aid Training
- Home-base Care Training
- Welfare and Feeding Schemes
- Funding of Projects

Disaster Management is allied to Overstrand:

- In 2019 our facility provided the municipality with a document outlining our scope of work.(Doc1)
- Services provided from March 2020 in food relief (2 reports) have been sent to province, the funders, Hermanus community and on the website.
- Monies were sourced from the Red Cross (Hermanus),Hermanus Community and some international funders

On 24th February 2022, **Rotary Club of Hermanus awarded** Natalie Munro (Food4Love) and Angela Heslop (Red Cross) Community Service Awards for their work in Food Relief during the past 20 months in Greater Hermanus, Overstrand.

- **Blankets** requested by the municipality have been supplied to Overberg areas in 2022(Xenophobia and protests, people moved to protected facility)
- **RECENT FIRES** in Western Cape/Kleinmond 8-11 January 2022
Hermanus Red Cross has supplied the 100 firemen with food, Panadol, eye drops, sun block and Dettol wipes. This included food vouchers to purchase easy to eat food and drinks

Medical Loans Depot Managed by Christine Paine

7 Welfare Soup kitchens which collect dry ingredients are located in Zwelihle and Mount Pleasant. Apparently many food kitchen have shut down during the pandemic and ceased to collect ingredients. This has resumed.

Figures for visiting depot 2021 : Equipment hire 359, Home care 70 (enquiries collection of certificates) First aid 5, Soup kitchen 69 , previous figures are on the lost computer . Although Red Cross is always open 10- 12 md Monday-Friday, there were less activities. Only most essential operations were performed. There was a small loss of equipment mainly due to non- returns``. Because of donations and repair work only a few purchases were necessary

First Aid Training

No courses have been given by **Denver Scheepers**. However as a project he gave 8 people linked to Whale Coast Conservation (WCC) a 3 hour course. This assists staff and interns as well as to the school groups to respond to situations or accidents as they are involved in clean ups and education in outdoor events. There is a potential for cuts and scrapes, twisted ankles, broken bones and snake and Insect bites. WCC participated in Environment World Wetlands Day eco-education initiative

Home-base Care Training managed by Carol Barnard, her predecessor Kitta Nieuwland who has resigned from the Red Cross after 10 years diligent service

Courses completed: 2021

20 - 28 September / 5 Students

25 October - 3 November / 5 Students

Courses completed: 2022

28 February - 4 March / 4 Students

4 April - 8 April / 6 Students

The students generally put a lot of effort into their work and gain a good grasp of the course material. The course is now covered over a period of 5 days, Monday to Friday, classes start at 8am and end at 3pm. The classes are no longer half day which enables the students who are employed not to have to take longer leave to complete the course.

Mrs. Jones model has still not been replaced. A dedicated attempt to purchase a new manikin will be made as of next week.

Molly Venter and I visited the Learn to Earn and The Rainbow Trust establishments to enquire about renting a space for the Home Based Care courses. There was no space available to rent in both buildings although there did not seem to be much action in the classes at the time of our visit.

The printing and issuing of the students' certificates have become a frustrating endeavour with printing errors and long waits between the batches received. Faith Kassim has explained the reasons and the backlog of certificates that still have to be issued.

Students are asked to be patient and they may request a letter with a letterhead from me stating the completion of their course.

Receiving at least 5 queries a day from people interested in doing the course. Feels sad that there is no Level 2 and 3 in Hermanus. Students enquire regularly and are prepared to travel to Hermanus to complete these higher levels.

Carol is looking forward to continuing to teach and support these amazing students who have so much to offer as future Carers.

Training and Development

Wynberg Provincial department facilitated Dr Chester Shaba the National Training Manager has commenced a programme to develop good practice and innovation in implementation of training activities. Therefore, we will aim to: revise and record training activities. Hermanus Red Cross have submitted individual skills audit and CV.

The 3 day work shop was held 17-19 May 2022 and will be held in Hermanus.

FUNDING OF PROJECTS INCLUDING Welfare and Feeding Schemes

2019 November New Beginners Youth – Youth Conference. Transport costs for local school children to travel to George.

2020-2021 ASSISTANCE WITH PURCHASING SANITIZERS and STATIONERY DURING COVID:

JUST CARE is a charity organisation which started in memory of John Rathfelder and has opened an after school Program in Mount Pleasant, Hermanus

- 1. 2020-2021: RED CROSS ASSISTED ROTARY TO DISTRIBUTE 250 PACKS OF PORRIDGE AND NAPPIES (UNICEF BABY FRIENDLY INITIATIVE) TO 5 clinics in Greater Hermanus and Stanford Samaritans.**

- 2. 2021 STATIONERY DRIVE**

For children living in Mount Pleasant returning to schools initiated by Charline Corneluis , a citizen of Mount Pleasant.

2021 RED CROSS AND FOOD 4LOVE. 2 PHASE April- -December 2021

Introduction

After the previous food relief ceased in late March 2021 it was evident that people were unemployed and hunger continued to be an issue. The Overstrand Municipality adopted a food security approach that led to the supply of

seedlings in order that people could grow their own vegetables, we are not up to date on the progress of this initiative. Soup kitchen ceased in September 2000. These 2 organisations had decided to use the remaining funds of R 245.459 from the first food relief period to cater for Zwelihle and Mt Pleasant's perceived food needs, hopefully improve lives and mitigate potential hunger during a cold winter.

In July 2021 the EMS foundation approved a grant of R 150.000.00 to Food4Love with Hermanus Red Cross. This greatly improved continuing food relief. This was not an integrated multi-disciplinary process of planning but a response from 2 organisations to post-disaster recovery and rehabilitation.

2020 SHARP DIGITAL AND HERMANUS RED CROSS

Since July last year, we have been working closely with SHARP Digital (a registered non-profit based in Hermanus who is working to turn the tide on the digital divide).

In addition to providing some much needed financial support to the non-profit, we also worked together on an important data collection project. This was designed to help Food4Love and the Hermanus Red Cross find the best way to digitally track the food distribution across Greater Hermanus while building the digital skills of some people in the community at the same time.

DATA COLLECTION PROJECT- MILESTONES

- 2020. SHARP Digital created a new course on digital data collection called COLLECT, SAVE and USE (by 9 February 2021, 53 individuals had taken the course).
- September and October 2020 - SHARP Digital ran three workshops with Food 4 Love and survey enumerators.
- November 2020 - Digital survey was conducted across Hermanus and Zwelihle.

2021 EASTER TREATS for ZWELIHLE AND MOUNT PLEASANT

Dozens of children were treated to hotdogs and sweets on Easter Monday. There was a festive air in Mount Pleasant on Easter Monday as children from the area and Hawston lined up for special treats. The event, organised by local resident Charline Cornelius with the help of sponsors and volunteers, managed to bring some Easter cheer to dozens of children. The event began with prayers and a short message by two local pastors. Everyone received a hotdog and a box of goodies. They were also treated to a special performance by a local dance group. Angela Heslop and Natalie Munro from Food4Love and the Red Cross Society also attended. "Food4Love and Red Cross sponsored this event with some of the remaining Food Relief money," said Heslop. Cornelius thanked all the sponsors and volunteers who contributed to the day's success. "With the

help of the sponsors I also managed to hand out treats to the staff at Golden Harvest,” she added. “Thank you to everyone who made this possible.”

- *Article by Hermanus Times*

2021 December: STANFORD FESTIVAL FIRST AID CENTRE AND TOAD FOR RECYCLING

Red Cross contributed funding to Stanford Music and Culture festival (on you-tube) held on 17- 19 December 2021 for a first aid facility to be on site.

Secondly funded the making of a toad from recycling material, this was part of children’s education at the festival.

2022 Red Cross is supporting food kitchens in Mount Pleasant on request however we have recommended that a meeting be held with the Mayor Dr A Rabie and counsellors about the way forward in food security. An improved approach needs to be planned. The mayor has agreed to meet.

2022 First Aid 3 hour course to field workers in Greater Hermanus (described in First Aid above)

2022 Kidscan <https://www.kidscan.co.za/> is a registered after school care and learning centre, where children from Kleinmond, receive a daily meal, guidance to improve academically and opportunities for holistic self-development. Monies for Golf Day prizes.

ORGANISATIONAL

Theo de Meyer and Molly Venter as board members assist with our finances and give counsel as both have considerable experience in previous roles. Monies are documented in collaboration with Michael Clarke who is our treasurer. Molly Venter has been on our board since October 2021 and has assisted with governance issues thus reviewed all files, updated equipment inventories and data collection with records.

Our website continues to be updated and is active. (2) The chair has created a power point presentation on the history of SA Red Cross with particular reference to the Hermanus Red Cross. This was presented to the Hermanus History Society last year

Very sadly Estelle Koen a long standing board member passed away 2 August 2021, she is greatly missed.

The Future

SARCS needs to continue in its national and local roles and activities, the past years have been difficult and disappointing. However there is much work to be done and progress has been made.

We have had several meetings with Wynberg office and Mabel Koketso (Interim CEO) with national board members. Work is underway. Since 2019 there has been no National Audit as National Head Quarters accounts are incomplete.

When the Interim Board took over in January 2019, Covid intervened and governance staff, issues and monies are being examined and slowly amended. Hermanus Red Cross aims to actively support this process

Chairperson 2015- present: Angela Heslop

Doc 1 Disaster Management: Our scope

Doc 2 Analytic Website www.hermanusredcross.co.za

Doc 3 Pie chart- Finances 2021- Our financial statement are submitted monthly so expenses can be seen.