



## Newsletter – Dec 2009

**Welcome** to the first regular update on our progress in Mbekweni. Each newsletter we'll try and tell you exactly how we're getting on and what's new. In this first update, you can read about our backing from the Football League and find out who has agreed to open the stadium.



### Lord Brian Mawhinney, Chairman of the English Football League, has agreed to open the centre on June 12<sup>th</sup> 2010 to coincide with the South Africa Soccer World Cup

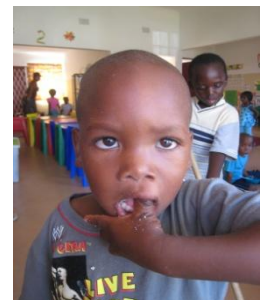
Lord Mawhinney is one of the most respected people in British soccer. Since his appointment as Chairman of the Football League in 2004 he has overseen the introduction of many new measures including fit and proper persons tests for club directors and player salary control measures. The Football League is supporting the project by contributing monies raised through ticket sales at the 2009 and 2010 Carling Cup Finals at Wembley.

*Lord Mawhinney said "Throughout the world, the provision of quality football facilities has a huge impact on health, community pride and crime reduction. I have no doubt that the building of this new sports centre for the young people of the township will have a similarly positive impact locally. I look forward to congratulating the 'Hope Through Action' team for their work when I visit in June 2010".*

**We are positive that the support of The Football League to Hope Through Action is proving invaluable to the project.**

### Hope Through Action Foundation (SA) has been created and registered as a "section 21" company in South Africa

*This means that Hope Through Action has been registered with the Registrar of Companies under the Companies Act. To register as a Section 21 company an organisation must, among other things, be established for a lawful objective; have as its main objective the promotion of the arts, science, education, charity, social activity or a communal or group interest; only use its income and property to promote the main objective.*



Children from the Nompumelelo Educare centre

**LYNERS**



Consulting Engineers & Project Managers

### Lyners Consulting Engineers have been appointed as engineering consultants and project managers



Project Manager and Consultant Fred Laker

*Lyners is an independent consulting engineering practice established in Paarl in 1999. The firm opened its second office in 2000. We are indebted to Fred and his team for the help they have given so far. We are confident they are the right people to take this project forward and act as project managers.*



### The lease of the land, adjacent to the Desmond Tutu Senior Secondary School, is signed

*Established in 1974, the school has almost 1,500 students. More than half of the pupils' parents are unemployed and the payment of school fees, however small, presents them with difficulties.*

*Having the facility close to the school will prove invaluable for both them and us.*

*The support from the School, its Governing Body and Principal Allah have been a great encouragement to us over the past few months and we look forward to working closely together over the next months and years.*

**Hope Through Action team with Mr Andre Gaum, Deputy Minister for Education for South Africa, Ms Charmaine Manuel, Mayor of Drakenstein Municipality and Mr Julius Allah, Principal of the Desmond Tutu Senior Secondary School.**

## The detailed design is now complete and construction contract let with Power Construction

Power Construction is acknowledged to be one of South Africa's largest privately owned civil engineering contractors. **We are delighted to working with such an impressive organisation whose values align with our own.**



### We are excited to announce that Phase 1 of construction has now begun

Phase 1 will be the construction of the indoor stadium along with the development of five life skills programmes covering sports development, health (HIV/AIDs), welfare, education and leadership. The centre is designed to be inclusive and will provide year round facilities and a secure environment in which to work with the young people. There will also be offices, training facilities, spectator areas and provision for local based education and health organisations. The facility will also provide a venue for community activities.



Phase 2, which will begin as soon as the funds are available, will be the creation of a series of outdoor, all weather playing pitches.



**We are grateful for the amazing support given so far which has enabled us to start construction - but we are still seeking ;**

**Additional monies to complete Phase 1 (R750,000, £60,000)**

**Capital funding for Phase 2 - 4 outdoor all weather pitches (R1,875,000, £150,000)**

**Funding to establish and integrate the development programmes with existing community organisations and activities (R375,000, £30,000)**

**Funding for the ongoing running costs of the centre and development programmes (R312,000, £25,000 / year)**

The objectives of this initiative in Mbekweni are to see;

- **An increase in awareness of HIV/AIDs and its prevention**
- **A growing self belief in individuals and the community**
- **A significant increase in individuals' health and self esteem**
- **An increase in community pride and participation**
- **An opportunity for different communities and racial groups to work and play together in harmony**
- **A reduction in crime, unacceptable behaviours and substance abuse**



Landscape before and after



**Mr F W De Klerk, Nobel Peace Prize winner said;**

***"I am delighted to support Hope Through Action as it develops sports and community based projects in South Africa. Both Hope Through Action and I recognise the need to mobilise resources to address social, health, educational and developmental problems. I wish them success as they bring resources from communities and organisations around the world to help the young people of our nation develop their potential"***