



**Hammarisdale Cato Ridge
Development Association**

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Creating a cleaner, greener, more inviting region (in four parts)

1. HCRDA is grateful to Member **Cobro Concrete**, for their sponsorship of concrete bins which have been positioned around Dunbar's intersection in Cato Ridge and Sterkspruit bridge in Hammarisdale. We'll continue to roll these out and engage Cleansing and Solid Waste and other departments to improve litter picking and waste collection in the region.

2. Local SMME Msenege Environmental Landscapes have spent a few weeks cleaning up a 2km section of **1000 Hills Street** into Cato Ridge after what must be years of neglect by the authorities. Tons of soil, alien invasives and litter were removed. This makes a positive visual impact but also slows the road's decline. All HCRDA Members contributed to making this possible through their contributions.



3. Local SMME Buhlebemvelo were supported by Keystone Park to clean up the busy **Kelly Road/Mr385 intersection**.



4. **Hammarisdale Cato Ridge Conservancy** is now registered with KZN Conservancies

Association and we're negotiating an Agreement with eThekweni Municipality for sustained support from it. To date seven firms have committed as Conservancy sponsors and their recognition boards will be placed along the Mr385 and R103 in November. These contributions go directly to local Black-owned SMMEs for sustained 'cleaning and greening' work.

Innovative Shared Services (ISS) supports 17 local Early Childhood Development Centers



HCRDA member ISS sponsored an accredited two-day First Aid (Level 1) training program for 17 local Early Childhood Development Centers on 7 and 8 September. It

included Basic Life Support and First Aid Procedures, equipping participants with knowledge to handle emergency situations.

Hillcrest Primary School shines in HCRDA's Book Drive

In pursuit of our goal to collect 5'000 books for the children and young adults of the Outer West region, HCRDA has been met with incredible support. We are grateful, in particular to Hillcrest Primary School which has collected over 1'000 books. It is not too late to donate. Please be in contact with us.



Welcome to HCRDA's Newest Members

Growing membership is the lifeblood of a member based organisation and positively, HCRDA's keeps growing, now at 70 from 14 at launch less than three years ago.



A-Force Security is capable of delivering quality services across a broad range of potential threats.

Member of the Kingsgate Clothing Group, **eThekweni Clothing Manufacturers** is a manufacturer of uniforms for Government Departments, Parastatals and Corporates.



**METALLICA CHEMICALS
PTY LTD**

Metallica Chemicals, founded in 2000, stands as a Level 1 BEE accredited enterprise with over 51% Black ownership. Their products are used in the paint industry.

Just Refrigeration prides itself on producing and supplying high quality refrigeration solutions.



Avanda Enterprises (**Kiddo's Snacks**) was established in 2012 and is based in Nordic Park, Cato Ridge. It is a rapidly expanding nik-nak business.

Refuel is a new investor in the region. It provides mobile fueling services using technology and Software as a Service to make fuel theft a thing of the past.



G-Spot Pub & Diner

The **G-Spot Pub and Diner** is a licensed bar and restaurant.

Located in the Cato Ridge Electrical Construction premises it's the perfect venue for office and year-end parties!

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Hibiscus Hospital Cato Ridge opened in 2020 it serves Cato Ridge and surrounding areas with the highest quality medical care.

Empowering SMMEs: Buyer-Supplier Linkages Workshop

The Buyer-Supplier Linkages Workshop, held on 26 September connected 14 local SMMEs with seven corporate buyers to total 98 new connections. Two commercial relationships are underway and others are being negotiated.

This engagement is key to countering Business Forums which claim 'Corporates don't engage Black SMMEs'.

Buckman Africa Ignites a Passion for Science

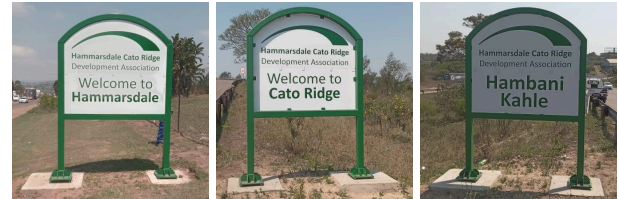
The Buckman Chemistry Connected Science show, delivered by HCRDA in 26 local Outer West schools to date, has ignited thousands of students' interest in Mathematics and Science. Dr. Megandhren Govender "Dr. G" delivered his highly engaging Science shows. Buckman Africa are also providing science kits and posters to each school, enhancing the learning environment.



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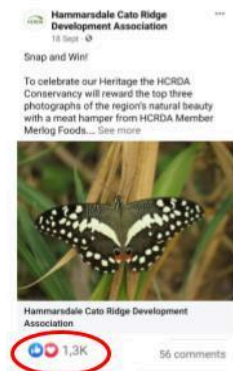
Welcome to Hammarisdale and Cato Ridge and (and Hambani Kahle when you leave!)

HCRDA has installed three significant signs in the area, making its presence known and welcoming visitors. We will be planting and maintaining the areas around these signs to make inviting landmarks into this region.



www.facebook.com/HCRDA

Our Social Media followers in the region now total more than 14 000, giving great reach into the local community. Averaging one post on business's positive socio-economic impact every working day, we are confident we are bringing the business and residential community closer together.



This periodic bulletin aims to update HCRDA Members and potential Members about its activities. For more information please contact us on 087 147 2531 or info@hcrda.org

Thanks to HCRDA's 70 Members who make delivery of its strategy possible

