



**WILDERNESS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
NEWSLETTER**

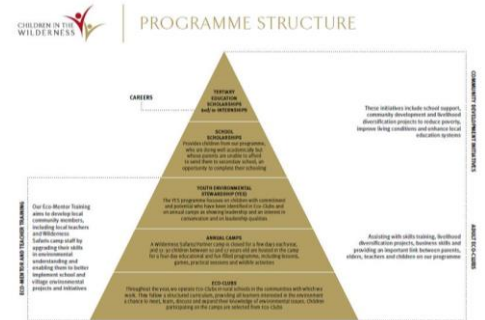
THIRD QUARTER 2017



INTRODUCTION

Our third quarter started with a bang as the Tour de Wilderness Team and Children in the Wilderness finalised plans for the annual Nedbank Tour de Tuli. This year's Tour was a huge success, and saw 255 cyclists ride a total of 248km over four days.

An element of our programme structure, is our **Adult Eco-Clubs**. These clubs focus on assisting community members with skills training, livelihood diversification projects and business skills. They also provide an important link between parents, elders, teachers and children on our programme. This quarter saw Adult Eco-Club Training taking place in the Zambezi Region, where women's groups were trained in sewing projects and small business skills. Click on the image to see the [Children in the Wilderness Programme Structure](#).



A few of our sponsors – Mother Bear, Pack for a Purpose and The Rosemary Pencil Foundation had a busy quarter, too, visiting our Regions. The quarter finished off with annual camps, Eco-Mentor training, a march for elephants and rhinos and our students graduating from the Southern African Wildlife College.



Thank you to all our donors, staff, partners and volunteers who ensure that our programme continues to grow, reaching more children, more often and more positively. A special thank you to all the cyclists and volunteers who pledged extra donations to Children in the Wilderness on the last night of the Nedbank Tour de Tuli: we sincerely appreciate it and thank you for helping us make a difference!

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NAMIBIA

Pack for a Purpose and make a big impact

Recent Wilderness Safaris guests at Serra Cafema Namibia, generously donated to the local community schools. Guests, Laszlo and Rozalia, together with their guide Liffius, as well as Fanus, Future, and Harry (who is the Marienfluss Conservancy Manager), dropped off the donation at the Otjinungua Mobile School in Marienfluss.

Through our partnership with Pack for a Purpose, guests travelling to Wilderness Safaris camps throughout their areas of operation are encouraged to bring a package of school or other supplies for the surrounding communities with which CITW work. Find out how these small donations make a big impact on these vulnerable children's lives – [read more here](#).



Beyond the Desert

We are honoured to be the beneficiary of Mountain Bike Routes SA and Beyond the Desert Edge's epic fundraising mountain bike ride through north-western Namibia. Jacques Marais describes this adventure as "a human-powered expedition from the Angola border – via the Skeleton Coast, Hartmanns Valley and the Namibian hinterland – all the way to Walvis Bay".

Supported by Wilderness Safaris Namibia, CITW Ambassadors and Nedbank Tour de Tuli stalwarts, Peter Van Kets – Inspired for Life and Jacques Marais, are raising awareness and funds for CITW as well as focusing on sustainable solutions for conservation of wilderness areas. Follow their incredible journey on Facebook [here](#).



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