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NEWS



**CAN GOAL50
ALIGN ITSELF
WITH CYRIL
RAMAPHOSA?**

**WILL SOUTH AFRICA'S NEW
PRESIDENT HERALD CHANGE?**

full story inside

IMAGE: Dinendra Haria/WENN

At the heart of Heideveld

Goal50 is very excited about the up-coming Community Day Care Centre project and on Nigel's recent visit to Heideveld, a five point course of action was proposed.

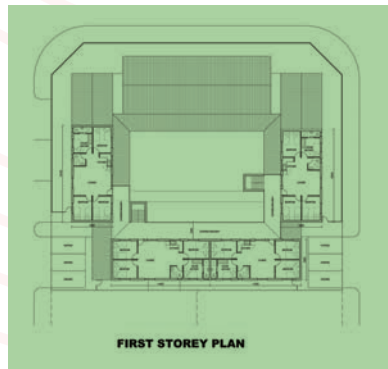
1. Re-zoning. The government have verbally agreed to this but Goal50 needs written confirmation.
2. Show of interest. Goal50 has received expressions of interest from two local construction companies.
3. Design. Initial plans have been received for the development. These have been accepted in principle with some minor revisions being facilitated.
4. Costings. Tenders will be sought from both construction companies. These will be scrutinised to ensure that the charity receives the best value-for-money offer.
5. Construction timeline. The first phase of work is likely to take approximately 18 months.

Phase 1

The day-care support provision. This includes the relocation of the current Crèche facility from the Safe House After school programmes

Phase 2

The office/admin block
The Medical area



Phase 3

The feeding scheme management and cooking.

We are grateful to those who have continued to support the charity in this exciting venture.

Weight of responsibility

When I travel to South Africa I seldom travel light. I've heard all the jokes about having an outfit for every day and which case is the kitchen sink in. Not a bit of it. I have lots of good reasons for taking a raft of essentials that are given out to township people once I have reached my destination.

Let me say at this stage, I am so grateful to both Aurigny and Emirates for their generosity in offering Goal50 a very extended weight limit on hold luggage. Carrying this huge number of bags is a little inconvenient, but an absolute joy too when I know the

outcome is a benefit to a broken community.

Every visit that I make to the township of Heideveld, I feel like a little bit of me stays

Nigel Pascoe
Goal50, Chairman & Founder

there. But the bit that I leave behind is not the overwhelming feeling that God has given me a task of 'feeding His sheep'. That stays with me all the time. And I'll continue for as long as I am able or until God steers me to another task. I believe that 'food' is not only literal sustenance, but also providing endless measures of God-given love.

I am grateful to those who support Goal50 financially. Those same individuals are a great encouragement to the team of professional people who volunteer their skills to the charity. Let's work together to create change in some of the toughest living conditions you are likely to find. Let's turn guns to grace and pain to peace.

Heideveld is a place where I love to go. It stirs a raft of emotions in me every time I visit. And, for as long as I live, I will happily continue with this wonderful weight of responsibility.

God bless

Nigel



In the wake of a presidential or leadership election there is often a resurgence of hope for a nation. Promises have been made that hint at a brighter future, whether that is born out of real ambition or simply token words to court votes.

South Africa is no different, an infant democracy wrestling with growing pains. Cyril Ramaphosa is the country's fifth President since the historic official end to the apartheid years. The trouble is, some of the men who have led the nation had to grapple with their frailties before they could begin to build a platform of hope for a population that has a history of division.

“Violent crime

One of President Ramaphosa's ten year objectives,

Ramaphosa won the 2019 election on the 'ticket' of being Mandela's chosen one. It's a justifiable claim as South Africa's first President was flanked by Ramaphosa on that memorable walk from the Victor Verster prison in Paarl in February 1990. Mandela did not hide his wish that one day Ramaphosa would steer the African National Congress (ANC) to victory in an election.

Born in Johannesburg, the second son of a policeman, the President studied law in the early seventies. His interest in politics grew in his late teens. He developed his skills in negotiation and strategy and these were put to good use in his efforts to bring a peaceful end to apartheid, moving towards the first democratic elections.

He became an MP in 1994, but after he lost his first race to the presidency in 1997, he resigned. He was soon back in politics later that year, taking a position on the ANC Executive Committee.

Cyril Ramaphosa is one of South Africa's richest men, worth an estimated Rand 6.4 billion (£500million). He has a 20-year franchise agreement to run 145 McDonald's restaurants in South Africa

and is a member of the Coca-Cola Company International Advisory Board, as well as Unilever Africa Advisory Council.

There is no doubting that the South African economy is not healthy. Its credit rating has been downgraded to the level above junk status in November 2019, moving from stable to negative. There has been continued decrease in growth and increasing public debt burden. Ramaphosa's first State of the Nation Address in 2018 emphasised the need to grow in several areas - the economy, tourism and youth employment. He insisted on keeping Mandela's legacy alive.

It was, however, this year's State of the Nation Address that gave some clues as to what is in the mind of the President. In his introduction, he covered how the country had benefited from 25 years of democracy - moving towards equal rights, meeting basic needs and reducing poverty. But he recognised that apartheid was a permanent legacy, leaving the country with extreme economic and social problems. There was also the devastating effect of global climate change which might threaten lives and livelihoods.



will be halved”

expressed in his State of the Nation Speech 2019.

The President set out nine priorities that would be the focus of government.

- Economic transformation and job creation
- Education, skills and health
- Consolidating the social wage through reliable and quality basic services
- Spatial integration, human settlements and local government
- Social cohesion and safe communities
- A capable, ethical and developmental state
- A better Africa and World

He then set some targets for a united country over the next ten years, making progress in tackling poverty, inequality and unemployment.

- No person in South Africa will go hungry
- Our economy will grow at a much faster rate than our population
- Two million more young people will be in employment
- Our schools will have better educational outcomes and every 10 year old will be able to read for meaning
- Violent crime will be halved

The President went on to say “If we achieve these goals, we will have

fundamentally transformed our society.” Goal50 would whole heartedly support these ambitious objectives. However, the charity acknowledges that it will require an unprecedented unity to bring about change. After more than 25 years of democracy, this is still a very wounded nation.

We must hope that promises would not falter on a podium of hollow words. Goal50 must take an optimistic view that the recently elected President - Mandela's chosen one - will herald change. Our heart is for a peaceful and harmonious community. It must come.

Eduhub

Goal50 initiative grows up fast

Goal50 has just celebrated a very special moment in its short history. Normally, a group moving into mainstream primary education would not be particularly notable for anyone other than the families of the children. But there's a bit more of a story behind this graduation.

Three years ago, the parents of many of these children were queuing at Goal50's food scheme in Heideveld. Their lack of financial resource prevented their children



from attending a crèche (pre-school) facility. Goal50's response was to cover the salaries of qualified staff and provide a venue in the charity's safe house. In fact, several mums took the opportunity of finding much needed employment whilst their children were being educated and well cared for.

Eduhub's first open-day enabled parents to view the children's work. Nine of the thirty children will start day school next year. Graduation day celebrated their achievement.



“No-one can put a figure on the amazing value of this service” explains Programme Manager Michelle van Niekerk, **“it's a significant investment in young lives and in our community”**.

Teachers Wendy and Charlene would wholeheartedly agree.

NATIONALITY BRITISH

FAVE MOVIE STAR WARS

Simon Hodgett

CAT OR DOG? CAT - MALACHI

EMPLOYED BY LAW OFFICERS OF THE CROWN

GOAL AT GOAL50 RESEARCH & COMPLIANCE

BIG FAN OF NOTTINGHAM FOREST

FAVE DINNER? CHINESE

SIMON JOINS GOAL50 TEAM

On a weekday he's an Advocate. But at the weekend he brings together his love of sport and music as Guernsey FC's unofficial 'Trumpetman'. And when he's belting out familiar tunes, it's never flat. Quite the reverse, the crowd is stirred to get behind the team.

Simon's first connection with South Africa was at his beloved Somerset County Cricket Club where, as a lad, his favourite player was opening bat Jimmy Cook. A treasured possession is Jimmy's autographed bat.

He has always been a big fan of Goal50 and jumped at the chance of getting more involved. His appetite for knowledge will be a huge asset to the charity's research work. Welcome Simon, but don't bring the trumpet to planning sessions.





CAPE SNAPS



Monica, abandoned on 2Dec2019. Mother (HIV) ran away from hospital.



Abandoned baby. Just one month old. Now in emergency care with Goal50.



Nigel receives the Heideveld Community Award from Pastor Vernon.



Appreciation Dinner. Nigel hosts Cape Town Goal50 supporters.



Appreciation Dinner. Mario & Michelle, Goal50's Cape Town co-ordinators.



Appreciation Dinner. Mr & Mrs Keuen Roberts of 'Laureus Sports for Good'.



Nigel's words of encouragement as Goal50 take on Cape Town City.



After his mum's death (an AIDS victim), Granny brought Cody to Crèche.



Simon & Ian met Emile Heskey (left) and Viv Anderson when on Goal50 duty.



England Manager Gareth Southgate taking on board some tactical nous!



The feeding scheme in the township of Heideveld is vital for many families.



The Ark Drug Rehabilitation Unit now hosts 485 men. Anyone spot Nigel?



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