

LANDMARK FOUNDATION ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

GREEN CLUBS PROJECT FIRST OUTING – GEORGE

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Landmark has been developing the Green Club Project for the past 5 years. The aim of the project is to involve schools in establishing a green club. The green club aims to deliver quality environmental education by means of collaborations with like-minded environmental organisations and partnerships. The program is structured by our four pillars (SKAV), which enable learners to build skills, increase their knowledge base, change their attitudes and instil new values.

We are presently in the process of initiating 4 new clubs in this area. The Schools first project as a green club will be to initiate a waste management program at their own school. They will appoint a Project Manager and activists to assist. It is mostly what schools really want to get a handle over.

On our first outing we were fortunate to be able to join the Strandloper Project during their 12-day coastal expedition.

Their objective was to survey the coast and collect data and evaluate the impact of fishing, ghost fishing, plastic and litter on the elected coastline.

On day 9 Study House joined the group on the 16km walk from Diaz beach to



Tergniet. The following day, George High met the group on the Malgaate River Mouth where learners witnessed the alarming amount of micro plastic present on the river shore.

Both schools learnt how to estimate quantities of litter on the beach using transects and quadrants which had to be done every 5kms. Learners were very interested when Louw Claasens from @Knysna Basin Project, dissected found dead birds to look at stomach contents. The schools also picked up litter along the way. These bags were sorted at home where most of the filament and small micro plastic will be burnt. They also learnt about fishing and the more silent killer of marine life, ghost fishing.



Learners were shocked at the state of the beaches. They also enjoyed the talks and interaction with the group as well as the magnificent beaches we have on the Garden Route.



We would like to thank the educators of both the schools for taking up this opportunity without your passion and drive this would not happen.

We would also like to thank Edwin Lottering a young fireman who has made himself available to support and mentor George High's new green club. We would also like to express thanks Mark and the team for inviting us on their expedition, it is through this kind of collaboration that we can deliver sound environmental education. This is a culmination of partnerships and multi-layered community participation that is finally coming to fruition.



In Education,

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