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Living smart, living with care, living green

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HAPPY 2013

and a big welcome back to all Western Cape Government employees!

We hope that each one of you enjoyed the lovely holiday season and that you spent quality time with family, friends and loved ones. As we enter a new year we often make New Year's resolutions that we rarely stick to, but this year we would like to encourage everyone to commit to being greener.

How many times have you said to yourself that you must volunteer or support a cause that is close to your heart? How often do you hear about a rhino which has been killed and feel that you should in some way get involved. Or what about your idea of approaching your community centre to help start a vegetable garden which you have put off for years?

Make this the year that you get involved. Choose a cause which is close to your heart and a way of helping which you will be able to sustain. How fantastic will you feel when you look back on this year and you can say to yourself, "I helped make the world a little bit better."

There are many ways in which you can make a difference. You can volunteer your time or you can donate money on a monthly basis. Every little bit helps. As much as you will be making a positive impact on our environment, you will also be rewarded for knowing that you are committed to looking after our planet and all who live on it.

Causes that need our Help

Support Our Nature Reserves

One of the perks of living in this province is the abundance of hiking spots available. You will be helping to support the biodiversity of the area and the continued upkeep of the parks just by paying the entrance fee to the reserve. These beautiful pockets of nature can provide you with a lovely day out with your family and you can get a workout at the same time. Enjoy a picnic after your walk and spend a relaxed day surrounded by flora and fauna.

Visit these websites for hiking spots around the Western Cape:

- www.capenature.co.za
- www.uncoverthecause.co.za



Take a Stand Against Rhino Poaching

Many organisations are working tirelessly to help save the rhino. Visit some of these websites and find out what is being done and perhaps how you can help save a rhino.

- www.rhinoforce.co.za
- www.savetherhino.org
- www.rhinocd.co.za
- www.stoprhinopoaching.com



Our Oceans

Save our Seas would like us to read up as much as possible about the threats facing our oceans and to tell our friends and family about sustainable fishing practices. Visit www.saveourseas.com for more information.

Also educate yourself and those around you about the extinction of our Great White sharks due to finning practices. These majestic animals are on the endangered list and play a pivotal role in ensuring that our oceans ecosystems are maintained. Not only is the finning process wasteful, as only the fins of the shark are eaten, but the practice itself is inhumane. Go to: http://saveourseas.com/projects/sharkcentre_za to find out about the fascinating projects that are underway to help save our sharks.



Home Recycling

If you do not have a company picking up your recycling from your home, visit: www.urbansprout.co.za to find a reputable recycling company in your area who will pick up your recycled material from your home on a weekly basis for a minimal fee. Best case scenario would be to get your entire community on board and get your neighbours recycling too. Start your own initiative!



Please contact us if you wish to share your green living story. E-mail us at Better.Together@westerncape.gov.za

