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What is the Nature's Valley Trust (NVT)

In 2000 a group of Nature's Valley families launched a community initiative to contribute to the environmental conservation of Nature's Valley and the surrounding area. The NVT is committed to maintaining the relatively pristine condition of the area.

Mission of the NVT

"To maintain the long term environmental integrity of Nature's Valley and surrounds by becoming proactively involved in issues that impact on the future of the area".

What happens when you take 300 willing volunteers, a handful of dedicated organisations and 150 indigenous trees and put them together? You get a view of a greener future. On the 15th June 2012 the annual Kurland Greening, driven by the Nature's Valley Trust, was not only an enormous success but a community initiative that will be remembered for some time to come.

The greening project this year began in the Kurland Community Hall on Thursday evening where we welcomed eager community members and everyone settled in for an evening of knowledge sharing and community growth. Excitement rippled around the members with the knowledge that their presence at the workshop meant they would each receive a healthy and ready to plant fruit tree for their own properties and homes. The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) began proceedings by sharing their aims for the development of communities around the Western Cape with greening projects and Richard Bolus from Redford Nursery gave a valuable presentation on the pruning of their fruit trees.

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The keenness and support that the Nature's Valley Trust received for this year's greening soon became evident on the morning of Friday 15th June when more than 300 volunteers poured into the Craggs Primary school hall to receive planting instructions for the day. Roars of appreciation for DAFF representatives put smiles on everyone's faces and they were raring to go and get started. The road filled up with groups of school kids, Working for Water and Working for the Coast volunteers and community members all energetically digging holes and preparing the ground. SANParks' environmental monitors all piled into the back of the DAFF truck and handed out the 150 indigenous trees to the eager tree planters. The weather played its part and before the two hours were up, the yellowwoods and wild plums were standing proud along the edge of the road. Kids huddled around their trees and community members came to watch and congratulate them on their well planted trees. Luckily Coca-Cola Fortunes had sponsored cold drinks and soon all were rewarded for their hard work.



The simple act of planting a tree helps the environment in so many ways that it is recognised

as the most simple and effective way to contribute to improving the environment. This 'greening' initiative by the Trust has been going since 2009 and this year enjoyed its most successful planting ever. As is the case with all of these events it would not be possible without the support and commitment of many partners and local organisations. These include: SANParks, Bitou Municipality, DAFF, Working for Water, Working for the Coast, Redford Conservancy, Southern Crags Conservancy Coca-Cola Fortunes, Born in Africa, Local Rugby and Soccer Clubs, Food for Waste Project, Crags Primary and ORCA Foundation.



Today when you walk down the main street of Kurland Village you not only see a community proud of its heritage and looking after its environment, you see a view of a greener future.

Cindy-Lee Cloete
Education Director



"THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS FOR THE TRUST TO BE SUPPORTED BY A REGULAR, ANNUAL COMMITMENT FROM THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE WHO LOVE NATURE'S VALLEY"

This remains our intention and motivation. Donations, primarily by the Nature's Valley community, have enabled the Trust to be established, and sustained since 2001.

ANY DONATION TO THE NATURE'S VALLEY TRUST,

NO MATTER HOW LARGE OR SMALL, IS APPRECIATED

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