

## Making literacy dreams come true

Entabeni Private Game Reserve recently joined hands with *Skills Unlimited* to give fifteen of their employees the chance to read and write in their mother tongue. For most of the employees this was a dream come true as none of them ever had the opportunity to become literate.

Using the *Literati* programme, designed and developed by Theunis Horne, the fifteen employees were taught to read and write within just fifteen days. *Literati* is a fun-packed learning programme which uses modern methods to make learners literate in their mother tongue in double-quick time. According to Horne *Literati* is adult-learner based, action packed and harnesses the strengths of the learners to drive the programme.

"This programme didn't just empower them, but also raised their self-esteem. Everyone has gained stacks of self-confidence", colleagues of the learners said.

Entabeni management matched the efforts to realize this dream with a "graduation" ceremony and by hosting a party for the *Literati* graduates at Entabeni's picturesque Lakeside Lodge overlooking the Entabeni Mountain.

The function was attended by a dignitary from the Department of Education who commended the initiative: "Hopefully we will see a lot more *Literatis* (Latin, meaning *the clever people who can read and write*) surfacing at Entabeni. We would also like to see more SME's following in the tracks of Entabeni."

To get the *Literati* programme for your business, call LM Grobler (*Skills Unlimited*) at 083 463 1701.

Northern News would like to congratulate the fifteen graduates and also thank Entabeni Private Game Reserve for their hospitality.

*Erik de Jager*



*Theunis Horne, Developer of the Literati programme, together with the Literati facilitator handing over the certificate to one of the Entabeni employees.*



*The jubilant Entabeni literati group throwing their graduation caps in the air after receiving their certificates.*