

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.

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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.