

# An exciting ride

We are in the fourth official month of Eden House Knysna NPC's existence, and what a ride it is! There are moments of gratitude, inspiration, fear, awe, excitement, overwhelm, despondency, love, and community. In other words, **building Eden House is exactly like life!**

Two big things mark this month: the milestone of our PBO and Section 18A approval, and the curveball of another offer on our earmarked property. See the implications of these two major happenings below.

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## Eden House

### The Concordia property curveball

Last week, the owners of 'our' earmarked property received an **offer to purchase** from another party. The pressure is suddenly on for us to come up with the full purchase price, lest we lose what we regard as a rare opportunity. Many successful children's homes in South Africa were established on land donated by churches generations ago. In our case, the ability to start is the greatest challenge. Without this property, it's back to the drawing board. There is no affordable land for sale in or around Knysna that is suitable for our purposes, and to build from scratch on an open piece of land – should we even find one – would add many millions to the cost.

We believe in this project. We know Knysna needs a children's home. And we know there are enough resources in this town to care for 25 vulnerable children. Our challenge is accessing those resources within the next two weeks.

You are the closest thing we have to family, and so I'm asking for your help. Please think about who you know, who might be interested, who might open a door, make an introduction, share the story, or contribute financially. Don't think that someone else will jump in and do it... it is you we're counting on. If the Knysna community takes personal responsibility to support us, we have a chance.

If you need us to join a meeting, make a phone call, provide documents, answer questions, or meet with a potential donor, just say the word! The website is up to date and contains most of the information people are likely to ask for.

We never thought this would be easy. And despite this challenge, we love the journey and are not about to be stopped in our tracks because of one curveball! But right now, we need your involvement more than ever!

**The offer to purchase 'our' property expires on 3 July. We have 2 weeks to hit this curveball to smithereens. Let's do this, together!**

**Click [here](#) for everything you need to become involved.**

### Where we stand

The capital fund to secure and prepare the property in Concordia now stands at **R2 071 500.**

**We need another R900 000 to make an offer, plus transfer and legal costs of approx R100 000.**

Our total capital goal, including fencing, security and reconfiguration costs, is ±R4.8m.

We still have a chance to build Eden House here.  
Join us in making it happen!



Eden House has identified a highly suitable property in Concordia township, Knysna – a green, spacious environment where children can play and develop. The property is close to schools and community facilities, offering the setting needed for a stable and nurturing home.



**3,820 m<sup>2</sup>  
Space**  
A large, beautiful green plot offering excellent room to play, develop, and live.

**Two Houses +  
Flatlet**  
Two easily convertible homes – one for boys, one for girls – plus a flatlet for staff.

**Garages for Skills  
Programmes**  
Future extramural and skills development programmes built right into the property.

**Large Outdoor  
Areas**  
Generous outdoor space for play, healing, and connection – with views of the ocean and mountains.



## News of the month: A Milestone



Eden House is now a Public Benefit Organisation, with Section 18A tax deduction approval. This is how it impacts you:

For every donation you make to Eden House, regardless of the amount, we will issue a Section 18A receipt.

This receipt contains all the information required by SARS to support a tax deduction claim.

When you submit your annual tax return, simply include the donation amount and retain your Section 18A receipt as proof of the donation should SARS request supporting documentation.

**Example:** If you donate R10,000 and your marginal tax rate is 31%, your taxable income may be reduced by R10,000, which could lower your tax bill by approximately R3,100. In effect, the donation may cost you about R6,900 after tax. The actual tax benefit will depend on your personal tax circumstances and the applicable SARS rules.

We love hearing from you—send us an email on [info@edenhouse.org.za](mailto:info@edenhouse.org.za).

We will keep you informed as we move forward.

As a community, we have an opportunity to create something deeply needed—together.

Please visit our [website](http://www.edenhouse.org.za): [www.edenhouse.org.za](http://www.edenhouse.org.za)

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