

Simphiwe happily sewing curtains at his place of work. Sewing is a

useful skill but when students get employed it is the greatest outcome.





## Sli Gwala -

graduated from basic and advanced sewing- Has been sewing handbags for an Australian company and now employed full time at clothing manufacturer – Drake clothing in Pinetown in the sample



making section.

A second student has been sent to Drake Clothing recently as they were extremely happy with Sli.



**Ncamile Meyiwa** from Inchanga paid us a visit. She graduated in from our sewing group in April 2015. Since then she has been producing curtains, dresses and skirts for her local community and has been able to make in the region of R500 extra from sewing per month.

She also does beading and homecare.

She says if she concentrated on sewing alone this figure would be much more.

She is building up a client base and hopes that in the future she can generate more income from her sewing. She has a child that she is supporting on her own



**BONGANI MTSHALI** -Graduated from our first welding course in 2011 run by the late Jayraj who started our welding courses.

"My name is Bongani Mtshali – I'm 32 years old and I live in Kwanyuswa, Bothas Hill. I studied welding at Embocraft Training Centre and I am the founder of MABONGA DEVELOPMENT SERVICES. The company is specialising in steel work such as burglar guards, balustrades, gates etc. The company is based in Kwanyuswa

**Below: Sindi Ncwane** graduated from our basic course and is now sewing for her community and making wedding and other function décor – she has also been employed at Hillcrest Aids Centre since her graduation and hopes to further her sewing business in the future.







Student Natasha and Embocraft

Sewing Trainer Thandi.

Natasha attended our basic sewing course. She was sponsored by a lady who was educating her and she realised she needed to learn a skill as she had a learning problem academically. We managed to get her work at another charity we liaise with she goes once a week and is paid for every cosmetic purse she sews so it is a good start. She is now sewing full time for her community and providing enough money for herself to live on.



A Hillcrest Rotary Project **PHAKAMA** with Embocraft.

There are a few gentlemen in this course. They will be given these sewing machines - If they attend regularly and complete the various samples to Thandi's standard. The trainees were selected by the local Councillor. This is an ongoing project and we look forward to upskilling the community of KwaNgcolozi.



**HLENGIWE CELE** – attended our Basic sewing course and proudly displays her dresses she has been making in the community.



NTOKOZO ZULU a young lady from Kwa\_Ximba area was sponsored by Libby Weir of Australia to come and learn some skills. She first did Basic Sewing and then graduated Advanced sewing and then asked if she could do Computer and welding courses. She excelled at all the courses and is now employed and supporting her siblings and family with her earnings.



## **MDUDUZI INNOCENT NTSETHA**

AGE: 49 YEARS OLD DOB 22.07.1968 LIVES IN KWANGCOLOZI — He was able to continue working throughout the 15 day course even though he was on night shift—he made sure he completed the course by attending on Fridays should he have missed his Monday group due to work commitments.

He also makes belts and shoes in his spare time by hand stitching them and selling them to the community as well as traditional clothing.

His sewing skills were found to be excellent and he produced amazing work.

CURRENTLY EMPLOYED: SECURITY GUARD AT SECURELINK. (NIGHT SHIFT)

GRADUATED FROM OUR BASIC SEWING GROUP on 08.05.2017