

## PINELANDS' SUCCESSFUL E-WASTE COLLECTION ON HERITAGE DAY



### 3.5 TONS OF E-WASTE COLLECTED!!

The e-Waste Alliance in partnership with the Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa (IWMSA) Western Cape Branch and Jeffares & Green Engineering & Environmental Consultants would like to thank all those concerned who dropped off E-waste during the collection drive and for contributing towards its success. Compared to last year's figures, an additional 700 kilograms of e-waste was collected. A total of **3.5 TONS OF E-WASTE** was dropped off on 24 September alone!



The largest component of e-waste collected consisted of computers and related items which included printers, cables and keyboards. Other items changing hands included a stove, washing machine, vacuum cleaner, kettles, a drill, hairdryers, compact fluorescent lamps (CFL bulbs) and batteries. A number of TVs, DSTV decoders, DVD players, and VCR machines as well as cellphones, telephone and fax machines were also dropped off. Many items/ appliances were broken, however

some of the e-waste items were just considered old and/ or were only partially broken. All e-waste collected will be refurbished, repaired, dismantled or safely disposed of (depending on the condition) and handled according to integrated waste management principles and in the most environmentally safe manner.

Approximately 80 people dropped off E-waste during the day with many completing a fact-finding questionnaire on the type and origin of e-waste brought in. Findings from the survey indicated that the majority (75%) of individuals dropping off e-waste lived in Pinelands and Thornton. People also travelled from as far as Hout Bay and Simon's Town to drop off e-waste. The greatest percentage (24%) of respondents indicated that broken/ old e-waste items were stored at home. A total of 58% of individuals indicated that they would like a convenient and regular e-waste collection points/ recycling centres which were conveniently located and accessible. For more information on your nearest drop-off and/ or recycling facility/ies in your area, please visit: [www.mywaste.co.za](http://www.mywaste.co.za).

During the collection, E-waste that was dropped off was dismantled, separated and/or sorted for reuse or recycling. Clocks, jewellery, and key-rings made from E-waste (mainly computer parts) were on display and some were for sale. A raffle was held after the event with 1st prize (a refurbished PC Unit from Just PCs) being won by J. Miller. 2<sup>nd</sup> (a clock) and 3<sup>rd</sup> (key-ring) prizes both made from E-waste were won by V. Hearne and R. White respectively.

