

Wees Geduldig **– The management team at Imvusa includes Clinton Geduld (production supervisor), Chaentine Warnick (communications), Carlo Geduld (co-owner), Karel Geduld (co-wner), Cathy Geduld (financial manager), Carlene Kotzee (HR/sales), Nicolene Morris (Covid-19 compliance officer), Bellestine Adams (QC supervisor) and Joseph Geduld (raw materials supervisor)**

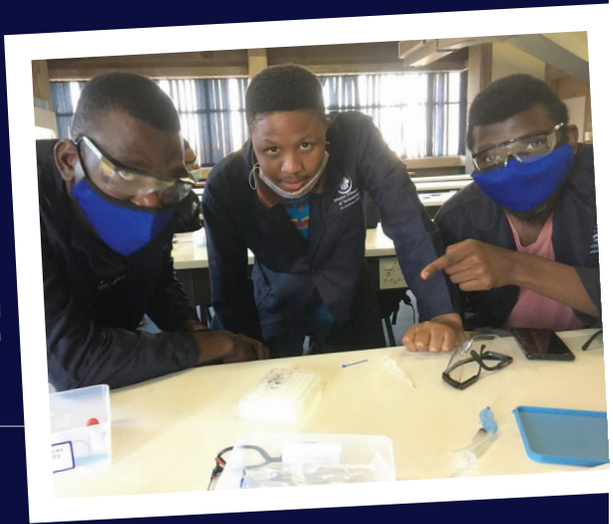
As a local family-owned business, Imvusa feels the drive and passion to become an ecologically-sustainable company that empowers the youth of the surrounding areas by alleviating poverty, ensuring skills development and training and an overall boost to the economic status of Atlantis.

The year 2020 has been tough for most companies, especially due to the Covid pandemic. Even through the pandemic, however, Imvusa assisted the vulnerable community of Atlantis by supporting schools in the town as well and in nearby Darling as well as Pella in the Northern Cape by supplying bottles and caps for sanitizers and filling bottles with sanitizer weekly. Containers were also donated to churches and police stations in and around Atlantis.

"We were blessed by having the advice and assistance of some individuals over the last few years, like Marcus Twine, previously of Mpact group, Terrence Fillies of Aerosol & Cosmetics Works, Tony Stopford (PolyGo/Cape Polymers), Patric Leggitt, a friend and longtime client, and Shafick Sallie of Small Enterprise Finance Agency and would like to thank them for their assistance and guidance for which we will be forever grateful," said Karel.

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Students doing the BEng Tech in Materials Engineering in Polymer Technology – from left, Thabang Modiba, Amoegelang Tshabalala and Sammy Mashabela (left photo) and , Tsebo Dipheko and Redemptor Tarehwa (right photo) discuss the practical exercise they're engaged in



Wayne Tozer and Sue Supasar of Rubber Products & Mouldings with the new import-substituting rubber skids

RPM puts skids into imports

RPM to most people means revolutions per minute but when applied to Rubber Products & Mouldings of Cape Town the acronym is taking on an altogether different meaning at the moment, specifically in the rubber technical goods sector.

Since taking over RPM in 2019, Wayne Tozer and Sue Supasar have become involved in a little bit of a speeded-up revolution of their own. One of their focusses has been on import-substitution and to this end Mrs Supasar, during a routine customer visit recently, noticed an imported transport skid which she was convinced could be manufactured locally and efficiently. RPM, which has been manufacturing since the 1960s, has the compression moulding capacity at its plant in Maitland, Cape Town, and producing the 21kg components was thus no issue.

The customer agreed to the trial run and the first results have been favourably received. The skids – which have a loading bearing capacity of up to 30 tons – are used for transporting steel coils, which need to be very securely attached on flatbed trailers, for obvious reasons.
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Bridgestone-Firestone plant in PE shuts

TYRE manufacturer Bridgestone-Firestone closed its tyre manufacturing plant in Port Elizabeth in November, with the lost of 252 jobs. A number of factors led to the demise of the company, said in a statement, the main one being that the plant was not able to produce the radial tyres now used almost exclusively. Investment in a 'new multi-billion rand plant' would have been required to switch to radial production, it said.