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Nomination: Corporate & Social Responsibility Award

Revitalising Sport, Empowering Youth: The Retief Primary School Sports Development Project

Nominee: Tharisa Minerals

Award Category: Corporate & Social Responsibility Award

Executive Summary

Tharisa Minerals nominates the Retief Primary School Sports Development Project for the SA Chrome Dinner Awards Corporate & Social Responsibility Award.

This initiative demonstrates Tharisa's commitment to lasting social impact through strategic investment in education, youth development and community upliftment. By revitalising the sports facilities at Retief Primary School, Tharisa transformed a neglected area into a safe, functional sporting venue that benefits learners, neighbouring schools and the broader community. The project gives young people opportunities to participate in sport, develop critical life skills and embrace healthier lifestyles. It also strengthens community cohesion and pride, creating a legacy that extends beyond infrastructure development.

Project Overview

The Retief Primary School Sports Development Project is a high-impact corporate social responsibility initiative by Tharisa Minerals that uses sport as a catalyst for youth empowerment, education support and long-term community upliftment within its host community.

Through this project, Tharisa identified an opportunity to convert underutilised school infrastructure into a vibrant, safe and inclusive sporting environment that supports physical education, organised sport, leadership development and inter-school participation. The investment included the upgrading of sports grounds, improvement of playing fields and construction of new change-room facilities, delivering practical infrastructure that directly responds to the needs of learners and educators.

The project is award-worthy because it delivers measurable and meaningful value beyond physical infrastructure. It has created a shared community asset that promotes

wellbeing, discipline, teamwork and confidence among young people, while strengthening social cohesion and pride within the broader community. The project demonstrates Tharisa's commitment to responsible mining by showing how targeted investment, aligned with community priorities, can leave a lasting legacy of opportunity, inclusion and sustainable social impact.

Creating Opportunities Through Sport

At Tharisa, we recognise that education is about more than academic achievement. Sport plays a vital role in developing confidence, discipline, teamwork, leadership and resilience among young people.

The Retief Primary School project involved:

- Comprehensive upgrades to the existing sport grounds.
- Construction of new change-room facilities.
- Significant improvements to the playing fields.
- Creation of a modern sporting facility suitable for physical education, sporting activities and inter-school competitions.

These enhancements have provided learners at Retief Primary School—together with pupils from neighbouring schools—with access to a reliable, safe and inspiring environment where they can grow, compete and reach their full potential.

By restoring this facility, Tharisa is not only promoting healthy and active lifestyles but also helping to foster confidence, teamwork and social development among young learners.

A Lasting Community Legacy

The impact of the project extends beyond sport.

The revitalised facility has become a valuable community asset that promotes:

- Youth development.
- Community cohesion.
- Social inclusion.
- Healthy lifestyles.
- Positive community engagement.
- Safe recreational opportunities for young people.

The revitalised facility now provides a shared venue where learners from different schools can gather, compete and build positive relationships. It has become a source of pride within the community and gives young people access to constructive activities that support personal growth and wellbeing.

This investment reflects Tharisa's ongoing commitment to education, youth development and community upliftment within its host communities.

Stakeholder Recognition

One of the strongest indicators of the project's success is the positive impact experienced by the learners, educators and surrounding communities who now benefit from the revitalised facilities.

The upgraded sports grounds have transformed an underutilised area into a vibrant sporting environment that encourages participation, teamwork and community interaction. Learners from Retief Primary School and neighbouring schools now have access to improved facilities that support both recreational and competitive sporting activities.

The project has reinforced the important role that sport plays in fostering discipline, confidence, teamwork and overall wellbeing among young people. By creating a safe and modern sporting environment, Tharisa has enabled learners to participate more actively in physical education programmes and inter-school sporting events.

The facility has also strengthened community ties by providing a shared space where learners, educators and families can come together in support of youth development. Through this investment, Tharisa has demonstrated how meaningful partnerships between industry and communities can create lasting social value.

Community members have welcomed the creation of an environment where children can dream, compete and realise their potential. This response reinforces the project's role as a catalyst for social change, youth confidence and community pride.

Measurable Social Impact

Although the project's impact is primarily reflected in improved access, safer facilities and expanded participation opportunities, its value is also demonstrated through the tangible improvements delivered to the school environment and the wider community.

The Retief Primary School Sports Development Project has delivered the following tangible social outcomes:

Refurbished and modernised sport infrastructure at Retief Primary School.

Improved access to quality sporting facilities for learners from multiple schools.

Created safe and functional recreational spaces that support youth development.

Promoted confidence, discipline, teamwork and healthy lifestyles among young learners.

Strengthened community relationships and social cohesion.

Demonstrated Tharisa's commitment to sustainable community upliftment and youth empowerment.

Alignment with Sustainable Development Goals

The Retief Primary School Sports Development Project aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals by showing how targeted community investment can respond to interconnected priorities such as health, education, inclusion, safer community spaces and collaborative development. The project contributes to the global agenda by creating practical, locally relevant opportunities for children and communities to thrive.

- **SDG 3 – Good Health and Well-being:** The upgraded sports facilities promote physical activity, healthier lifestyles and improved wellbeing among learners. By providing safe spaces for sport and recreation, the project helps encourage positive habits, confidence, discipline and emotional resilience from a young age.
- **SDG 4 – Quality Education:** The project strengthens the school environment by supporting physical education, extracurricular development and holistic learning. Access to appropriate sporting infrastructure enhances the overall educational experience and enables learners to develop teamwork, leadership and life skills beyond the classroom.
- **SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities:** By improving access to quality sporting facilities in a host community school, the project helps reduce disparities in access to safe recreational and development opportunities. It creates a more inclusive environment where learners from Retief Primary School and neighbouring schools can participate, compete and grow.

- SDG 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities: The revitalised facility has become a shared community asset that supports safer, more inclusive and more resilient local spaces. It strengthens community pride, social cohesion and positive engagement by providing a venue where learners, educators, families and surrounding schools can connect through sport.
- SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals: The project reflects the value of partnership-driven development, where business investment is aligned with local community needs. Through collaboration with school stakeholders and the broader community, Tharisa has demonstrated how responsible mining companies can work with host communities to deliver lasting social value.

This SDG alignment reinforces the project's award merit by showing that the initiative is not an isolated infrastructure upgrade, but a meaningful contribution to sustainable community development. By connecting sport, education, wellbeing and inclusion, Tharisa has delivered an intervention that advances both local needs and global development priorities.

Why Tharisa Deserves This Award

The Retief Primary School Sports Development Project exemplifies the very essence of corporate social responsibility.

Rather than simply upgrading sporting infrastructure, Tharisa has invested in the future of young people and their communities. The project has created a platform for learning, growth, achievement and social development while fostering community pride and strengthening local relationships.

The enduring value of this initiative is reflected not only in the facilities delivered but also in the opportunities it has created for learners to participate, compete and develop essential life skills. By revitalising sport within its host communities, Tharisa has demonstrated how responsible mining can create a meaningful and lasting legacy that extends far beyond its operations.

The Retief Primary School Sports Development Project is more than a sports facility—it is a symbol of hope, opportunity and community partnership. It showcases Tharisa's unwavering commitment to empowering young people, creating sustainable social impact and building stronger communities for future generations.

The Retief Primary School Sports Development Project represents corporate citizenship at its best and is a strong nominee for the SA Chrome Dinner Awards Corporate & Social Responsibility Award.

Closing Statement

The Retief Primary School Sports Development Project stands as a powerful example of how purposeful corporate social investment can unlock potential, strengthen communities and create opportunities that endure well beyond the completion of physical infrastructure. Through this initiative, Tharisa Minerals has demonstrated that responsible mining is not only measured by operational performance, but also by the positive and lasting difference created in the lives of people within its host communities.

By transforming an under-utilised school facility into a safe, inclusive and inspiring sporting environment, Tharisa has invested in the wellbeing, confidence and future of young learners. The project reflects a deep understanding that sustainable development is achieved when communities are empowered, partnerships are strengthened and young people are given the tools and spaces they need to thrive.

For these reasons, the Retief Primary School Sports Development Project is a compelling nomination for the Corporate & Social Responsibility Award. It represents a legacy of hope, inclusion and community progress, and demonstrates Tharisa Minerals' commitment to creating meaningful social value through responsible corporate citizenship.

Retief Primary School Sports Development Project Revitalising Sport, Empowering Youth and Strengthening Community

A high-impact CSR initiative transforming underutilised school grounds into a safe, inclusive sporting facility that supports learner wellbeing, youth development and lasting community value.

Purpose

Transforms school sporting infrastructure into a functional, inspiring space for physical education, organised sport, inter-school participation and youth development.



Recognition Value

A practical, visible and community-centred project demonstrating how responsible mining investment can create safe spaces, strengthen confidence and leave a legacy of opportunity.

Impact at a Glance

● Sport ● wellbeing ● inclusion ● community pride ●

 Sport	 Wellbeing	 Life Skills	 Inclusion	 Education	 Legacy
Access Improved facilities for learners	Healthy activity and confidence	Teamwork and discipline	Shared school-community space	Support Holistic learner development	Lasting community asset

Summary & Key Achievements

A purposeful CSR investment converting under-utilised school infrastructure into a safe, modern and inclusive sporting environment for learners and neighbouring schools.

✓ Upgraded sports grounds | ✓ New change-room facilities | ✓ Safe recreational spaces |
 ✓ Stronger community pride

Community Value

- Improved access to quality sporting facilities for learners.
- Created safe and functional spaces for recreation and physical education.
- Promoted confidence, discipline, teamwork and healthy lifestyles.
- Strengthened community cohesion and positive youth engagement.



Sustainability & Shared Value

- Creates a lasting community asset for Retief Primary School and neighbouring schools.
- Supports youth development beyond the classroom.
- Demonstrates responsible corporate citizenship through targeted social investment.
- Shows how mining-community partnerships can deliver practical and lasting social value.

SDG Alignment

 SDG 3 Good Health and Well-being |
  SDG 4 Quality Education |
  SDG 10 Reduced Inequalities |
  SDG 11 Sustainable Communities |
  SDG 17 Partnerships

From sports grounds to stronger futures: creating safe spaces, confidence, inclusion and opportunity for young people to play, grow and thrive.