

JOZI HAILS DREAMS CHAIR

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THE Woza Moya Dreams for Africa chair has continued its journey around South Africa, visiting Johannesburg where it was greeted enthusiastically by 5fm's DJ Fresh, Leon Schuster, Johnny Clegg, Claire Johnson of Mango Groove and Alfred Ntombela (aka Shorty).

The chair also visited the Apartheid Museum and the Voortrekker Monument, then headed back to the Hillcrest Aids Centre Trust (Hact).

Paula Thomson, spokesperson for Woza Moya, an income-generation project for Hact, said: "The city took time to see the chair. This is a place where lives are run on the principle of fast-forward.

"Some did not see it even when they had to almost climb over it, some people were scared of us and the chair, some saw it and wept for the beauty they found there, some took a few looks, tentatively, before their eyes were opened.

"We were not deterred by this slow-to-boil reaction, and were determined to break through the gold exterior to reveal an inner Jo'burg that has a heart ..."

Photographs of the chair, which was transformed into a work of art by beadworkers from the Valley of a Thousand Hills, and those who have been pictured sitting with it, are being sold to raise money for a new Woza Moya craft centre in Hillcrest.

"We are literally bursting at the



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Tyrone Morris, a gymnast of Pinetown Gymnasium, is pictured with the Woza Moya Dreams for Africa chair.

seams and can't function effectively as a business. We are struggling to get orders out," explains Thomson, adding that to build a new space requires R1,5 million.

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