



The gardens and grounds of the Wilderness Station and a section of railway tracks have been cleaned up over the past weeks.

Citizens roll up sleeves to spruce up railway station

Civic pride was the motivating factor which led to Vicky and Wayne Nel rolling up their sleeves to organise a big clean-up of the old Wilderness Station and also on the railway tracks.

Their clean-up was extended to include Knysna Station. Both initiatives were un-

dertaken by individuals and small companies.

Since Transnet decided to suspend the Outeniqua Choo-Tjoe Service, both the old train stations were left in a neglected state. The Nels, owners of Beejuice Café, together with some casual labourers (they

created casual employment by employing car guards in the village) and the assistance of Grasscutters, have taken on the ongoing project of cleaning up the once prize winning station of Wilderness.

"It is a great privilege for us to be able to revive fond memories of bygone years

while serving patrons a casual drink or meal on the platform or decks in the gardens. It is now becoming an on-going project as we have gradually started cleaning further and further up the tracks," said Vicky.