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James Albanie, a recently-retired social worker and well-known sportsman, gave his 67-minutes' contribution to the Madi-ba legacy by visiting 101-year-old Maria ("Aunty Tossie") Matthews at her home in Hartwig Avenue, Worcester.

Jacoba ("Kowie") Matthews, a retired teacher and cancer survivor, was looking after her centenarian mother with tender care and compassion, although not without its attendant challenges.

Albanie presented "Aunty Tossie" with, among other things, adult diapers, Dettol disinfectant, powder and other toiletries.

Albanie, originally from Touws River, and with a degree in social work from the University of the Western Cape, worked in different towns in the Western Cape, and in Worcester for approximately 13 years.

There he excelled at rugby and cricket, and played for Young Hamiltons and later Worcester Villagers, and he played for Worcester United as a fast bowler of note and represented Boland in the same



James Albanie (right), retired social worker, hands over adult diapers and other toiletries to Jacoba Matthews, daughter of 101 year old Maria (Tossie) Matthews. Photo: Michelle Albanie

capacity.

Amid his daily schedule as a social worker he pursued further study, obtaining his honours in business management and psychology, and registered as a psychometrist.

He has also completed his master's in administration, specialising in human development.