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THE UPGRADE HAS BEGUN!

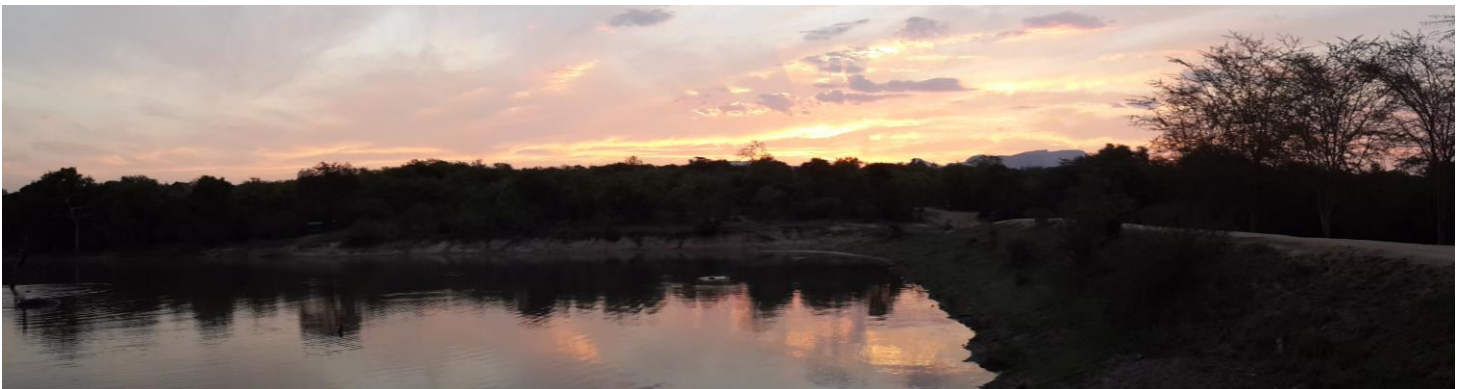
January 2014 marks the start of phase two of our upgrade of the bush chalets at Phelwana Game Lodge. Just a reminder to all of our guests and friends that the lodge will be closed from 13 January to 31 May 2014 allowing us to renovate!

COMMITMENT TO SERVICE EXCELLENCE IN 2014!

The new year has begun with much enthusiasm at Phelwana Game Lodge. We would like to thank you for your positive feedback from our last newsletter, we find the feedback insightful and uplifting and we kindly request you to keep it coming our way. Please be assured that our commitment to service excellence will be very evident as we complete phase two of our renovations.

Special attention has been given to the design of the Bush Chalets, and we are excited to inform you that we shall now be offering three family units sleeping a maximum of six guests in great comfort. We look forward to sharing more with you as the project develops. All of our 12 swimming pools have been completely renovated. New circulation jets, new tiles and redesigned steps have made each of the pools more inviting and attractive to use.

Questions were posed to us around the camping facilities at Phelwana. As you might or might not be aware, we have made the decision to close the Phelwana campsite. This decision comes with the intention for us to utilize the facility for functions, weddings, picnicking and fishing as well as for possible further expansion.



A beautiful bushveld sunset over the Phelwana Dam.

A BIT ABOUT THE OWNER, OUR MANAGING DIRECTOR



Pierre De Villiers

The De Villiers family, and generations preceding, have been part of the ever changing Lowveld since 1938. Last year marked the 75th anniversary.

Today the Lodge is managed by Pierre De Villiers and his expanding staff compliment, to offer our guests the true meaning of hospitality and essence of the Lowveld as it has been enjoyed by the family for generations. Having mastered a career in hospitality and property, he has now turned his hand to Phelwana Game Lodge. Pierre has been joined by his fiancé, Jeanine Hugo, and together this formidable team promise to provide you with lasting memories of an unforgettable experience.

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NEW FACILITIES FOR OUR GUESTS TO ENJOY

Our Bar and Lapa, situated alongside the Main Lodge, will receive its final touches very soon!

We envisage this area to be utilised as an alternate dining area. Delicious meals will be served around a bushveld fire beneath the African stars by our Executive Chef.

Thank you for your comments about our new entrance gate. It certainly has resulted in a bigger success than we envisaged! A new gate house has been constructed neatly behind the vegetation and is unnoticeable to the eye, allowing the entrance to be operational 24 hours a day and in constant contact via CCTV and 2 way radio with our reception.



The new Lapa photographed from inside the Phelwana Bar.



Our new Phelwana entrance gate situated approximately 200m from our old gate.

AN UPDATE ON THE RENOVATIONS

Our contractors, Davon Construction, have returned from a well deserved holiday with much energy and enthusiasm! All of our chalets are being renovated, including our 4 self-catering chalets, offering guests an updated feel to the “already charming” atmosphere which our guests relate well with, here at Phelwana.

The Tented Camp is well on its way in being constructed and the construction of deck pools, overlooking the Phelwana Dam will add to the “Glamping” experience.

THE PHELWANA AMPHITHEATRE

Set alongside the trickling sound of water, and in the shade of beautiful trees, the Amphitheatre shall offer guests a sanctuary of quietness on hot summer days.



The Phelwana Amphitheatre will cater for small intimate weddings and functions.

The old lapa and kitchen, as you can see in the photo above, was demolished, however we decided to retain the old wall. We have renamed the old lapa, the “Amphitheatre”. We are going to offer this venue as a possible wedding venue for small to medium sized weddings.

THE TIMBAVATI BUSH SCHOOL

From humble beginnings the Timbavati Bush School has come a long way since the year 2000. Housed and initially funded by the De Villiers Family, the Bush School owes its existence to its founding member, Charles De Villiers, Pierre's father. The time finally arrived for the Bush School to stretch its wings, and now a state of the art education centre has been built on a portion of Phelwana by the family.

Some of our guests might have noticed the construction at the old entrance to Phelwana, over the past months. The Bush School interacts with an impressive 35 schools in the surrounding areas and is growing in number. It is here where the Bush School educates its learners about the four pillars which provide the Timbavati Bush School with its foundation: Conservation, Education, Community Upliftment & Healthcare. The Bush School operates under the Timbavati Foundation and it is run by a board of trustees and an eager compliment of lecturers, a principal and administration manager, all living on the property.

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We look forward to sharing this initiative with our guests, whereby Phelwana will conduct in association with the Timbavati Foundation, a tour of the property and an insightful peak into what is being taught to learners. For more information check out their Facebook page “Timbavati Foundation”.

GOOD NEWS FOR STOFFEL THE WARTHOG

The time has eventually come for us to bid farewell to Stoffel, our baby warthog. Stoffel now lives with many of his own kind at Moholoholo Rehabilitation Centre. A special thank you to Brian Jones for agreeing to take Stoffel and for reintroducing him into the wild.

Keep well and Kind Regards from the Bushveld!

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Our resident heard of buffalo seeking some relief from the summer heat in the riverbed.