

# PHELWANA

## GAME LODGE



## NEWSLETTER

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### THE BUSH RESTORATION AND EROSION PROJECT BEGINS

With, hopefully, the last floods and heavy rain of the summer season, it has given us the opportunity to start with our bush restoration and erosion project. All the roads at Phelwana will be skilfully graded to limit erosion and aid the run off of water into the veld. We have called on experts to help us with the reconstruction of our bridges and dam overflows.

### GREETINGS FROM A VERY WET AND MUDDY BUSHVELD!

Greetings from a very wet Bushveld! The month of March began with very high rainfall, totaling approximately 400mm recorded at Phelwana Game Lodge. On the 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2014, we saw half that, 200mm falling within 48 hours, resulting in significant flooding occurring in the greater Hoedspruit/Blyde area. Phelwana also saw its fair amount of flooding. With our dams reaching full carrying capacity, both Hippo and Phelwana Dams broke their banks which resulted in restricted access to various sections of the farm.

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5 March 2014 – Hippo Dam broke its banks



The overflow at Phelwana Dam in front of the Main Lodge

### PROGRESS WITH THE GARDENS

March has also been the start of our gardening project at Phelwana Game Lodge. As mentioned in the February newsletter, we have contracted Garden Landscaper, Clive Mew to design and care take all of the Gardens at the Lodge. Clive started the project on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March, sculpting the beautiful gardens which will be enjoyed by our guests in the near future.

## PROGRESS ON RENOVATIONS OF BUSH CHALETS



*A Chalet accommodating 6 guests starting to take shape*



*Progress at one of the two sleeper Bush Chalets*

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, all of our Chalets are undergoing major renovations.

Our accommodation at Phelwana Game Lodge will be catering for our guests various holiday requirements. We will be offering a three tiered approach to our accommodation at Phelwana Game Lodge: Luxury Tents (accommodating 2 guests per tent), Bush Chalets (accommodating 2, 4 & 6 guests per chalet) and our Self Catering units (accommodating 2 guests per chalet).

Our Luxury Tents and Bush Chalets will be catering for our guests on a full board basis offering our guests Breakfast, High Tea and Dinner included in our rate. All of our Bush Chalets have new roofs, have been plastered and repainted, and have also been fitted with new bathrooms. Befitting Colonial furniture has been manufactured, creating a timeless and luxurious elegance in each Chalet.

## OUR PHELWANA BUSH PUB IS COMPLETE

Our cupboards and lighting have been installed and the bar is looking festive and ready for guests to enjoy a leisurely drink.

The Phelwana Bar and Lapa remain a pivotal attraction to enjoy the beautiful bushveld evenings under the African stars around a crackling fire. Guests are encouraged to make their way down to the Lapa and Bush Pub in the evenings after dinner to enjoy an after dinner coffee or liqueur. There is no better experience than sitting around a fire, listening to all the bush noises and if you are lucky you might even hear our resident jackals making their soulful calls.



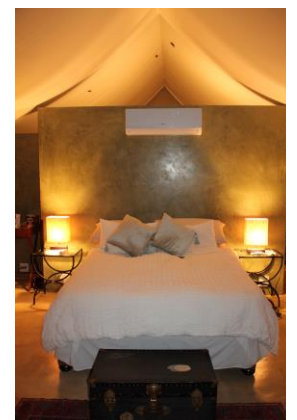
*A Beautiful Kudu photographed at Phelwana Game Lodge in March*

## OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE IS LIVE

We are very excited to announce that our new Facebook page is live. Please check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/Phelwana> , “like” it and receive regular updates from us from your news feed.



*The Phelwana Bush Pub*



*A first glimpse of the Tent interior*

## THE TENTS ARE NEAR COMPLETION

With great excitement we give you a first glimpse of the interior of one of our Luxury tents above.



*Gail Bowers-Winters' vulture in flight*

## ART AT PHELWANA

We have already started hanging paintings in the reception and restaurant, and have commissioned a Kwazulu-natal artist, with a lifelong affinity with the bushveld, Gail Bowers-Winters, to paint scenes of vultures in flight amongst other Bushveld scenes.

We are very excited to showcase her work at Phelwana Game Lodge and it will be on display in the Main Lodge as well as the Bush Chalets.

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## ACTIVITIES TO BE OFFERED AT PHELWANA GAME LODGE

With our abundance of walking trails and absence of the majority of the Big 5, Phelwana Game Lodge is the ideal destination for guests wishing to engage in some outdoor activities.

We intend to offer a variety of activities for our guests including, guided and self-walk walking trails, cycling, as well as Game Drives on the property.

For our fishing enthusiasts, we have three dams, Phelwana, Hippo and Nyala Dam and guests are welcome to test their hand at fishing. Our dams are host to very large Cat fish and Carp, which provide good fun in the surroundings of the beautiful Bushveld



*A view of the Bush on one of our game walks*

In just over two months we will be opening our doors to the public with our new offering for our guests to enjoy. All the hard work is paying off and we are excited to welcome you here in the future!

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