

Boschhoek Update June 2014

SHARE A LODGE@R300 000!!

Good Morning, Boschhoek!!



Nary a month in this world, and already it has Boschhoek at its feet!



Boschhoek's streams are still rushing down the mountains,



but once again the season has ticked over in the inexorable march of nature, with the game hunching down for winter.



Now is the time to quietly take your place on a rock and observe all the little things around us - ants and beetles, grasses and flowers, all the small building blocks of the bush.

Lest we be lulled too much though, a python track 17 centimetres wide is not to be scoffed at!



For us human guests in nature winter is a good time to be working, and Boschhoek is abuzz with activity!

Keith's bush house is complete, and what a view doesn't he have from his veranda! Congratulations!



Several other building sites are busy away in the bush, many so well hidden that you'd have to look closely to find them!

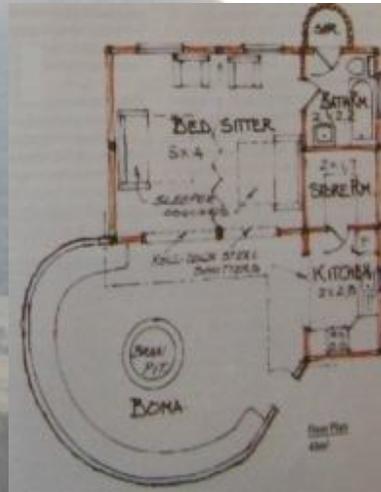


Our control architect Gerd Bolt has around 20 building plans approved or in process, with variety and bush ingenuity being a hallmark throughout.





The play of bush building materials already astonishes, with wood, stone, rock gabions and rammed earth to name but a few already coming to the fore. Whilst permanent residents often prefer larger lodges, many of our weekend owners make ample use of the fact that Boschhoek has no minimum size for its bush homes, opting for the bare essentials under roof and nature as their living room. This design by Hillbilly Homes provides some food for thought.



Elsewhere on Boschhoek, Jandre and his maintenance team have been hard at work, grading and slashing open the roads, clearing and checking the perimeter fence, and preparing for the fire season. Combating invader plants and maintaining the water supply network is also on his list. In addition, together with Ane, Jandre is responsible for much of the paperwork involved in administering our sanctuary. In his free time, Jandre assists owners with a variety of tasks and requirements on site, with Keith's wastewater gravel bed a beautiful case in point!



Hats off to a busy management team!!

From a development perspective, the final touches are being added to Boschhoek. The gabion walls at the entrance are being completed, and Boschhoek will soon be whispering its name in the wind...



The clubhouse roof is on, and it's currently getting its deck under the lovely wild fig tree, with a boma soon to follow.



It boasts a roof and window frames from reclaimed wood, and the farm dam style swimming pool has been installed.



Look out for a couple of surprises in the finishes - all about kicking off our shoes and leaving our city thinking behind...

Work on the new link road to the clubhouse bypassing the existing farm buildings downstream should start soon.



This is set to become one of the loveliest roads on Boschhoek, featuring more water and mountain vistas approaching the clubhouse.

When it comes to marketing news, the 5 stands sold in May alone again leaves one in awe, with little else to be said. That takes us to around 85 stands sold and transferred in the past two and a half years, with around 30 more of the most breathtaking stands currently available to choose from with one or two still available at R449 000 and several at R499 000 and slightly beyond.



We had more full page ads in recent editions of Saturday Beeld and full page ads in the Country Life and other magazines are continuing to bear fruit. We have also added the back cover of the current Winter



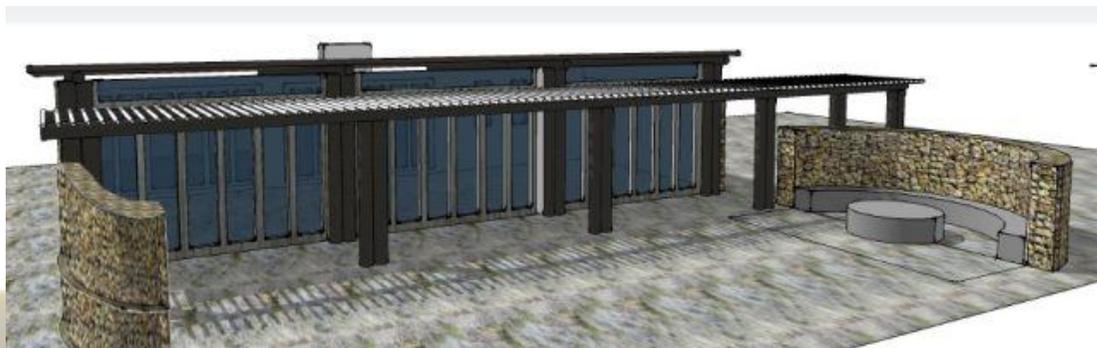
Edition of the Weg/Go Platteland magazine to our portfolio.

With friends and family more often than not sharing a lodge at Boschhoek, we receive many requests from nature lovers also wishing to share with likeminded others. For those, we have selected a stunning stand at Kudu Ridge B with jaw dropping views over Boschhoek.



Here we are working on a lovely furnished bush lodge for shared ownership, at a typical cost of R300 000.

It's configured as a living area and boma perched above the view, together with two separate 4-6 bed sleeper chalets tucked away amongst the trees.



Although one shares the cost of ownership, it's yours alone to enjoy when you use it once every two months. Running and servicing costs are kept to an actual minimum, and your share could be sold should you ever wish to move on. Should you wish, you could also invite friends to use the second sleeper chalet. If you have friends with whom you are comfortable to share with on a regular basis, you could purchase a share together. In that scenario the cost per family would be R150 000, and one would split the running costs. See <http://www.boschhoekmountain.co.za/files/Shared%20Lodges%20Info.pdf> more information. Do let me know if you are interested, and I will add you to our contact list. Note that the designs above will still evolve.

What is it about Boschhoek? Amazing mountain scenery lost in its own world though close enough to Modimolle and Gauteng? A focus on the bush, promoting smaller affordable lodges and an ultra low density with only a quarter percent under roof when fully built up? The contrasting opulence of Leeuwenhof Country Lodge and Garden Spa next door? Low maintenance requirements and resultant low levies of R500 per month? The fact that Boschhoek is probably the last of its kind due to a recent change in legislation? Boschhoek recently being included in the Unesco World Heritage Waterberg Biosphere Reserve? Mountain reedbeek or red hartebeest darting from behind a clump of wild seringa trees? Like-minded bush loving people who have made Boschhoek their home? A core of dedicated home owners' association directors, passionately shaping Boschhoek through their selfless work?

The list goes on, but it's not for us to try and analyse or decipher. Come to Boschhoek, and listen. If you hear it speaking in the silence, you may want to linger. If not, you will always be a welcome guest.

Do contact me to arrange for Jandre to take you out and share some of Boschhoek with you. Combine it with a scrumptious light lunch at Leeuwenhof next door, and make a day outing of it. Alternatively spend the night and soak up the sound of silence...

Winter Greetings!



(Thanks for the picture, Claire!)

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