

Boschhoek Update September 2013

Giving Boschhoek back to nature. The feeling as the giraffe alight and walk down the valley towards confluence pools is hard to describe. A piece of nature that has been missing for more than a century, and we have the privilege to witness it taking up its rightful space once again...



Compounding surreality, on the day of our giraffe release celebration we were treated to a smorgasbord of nature's best, with impala, kudu and blesbuck also setting hoof on Boschhoek.



The celebration itself was phenomenal.

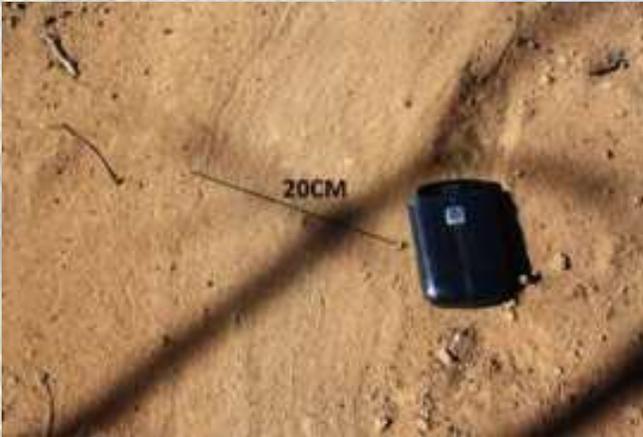


Apart from the game, Van Wouw's Caterers set up a bush spread that will be remembered by the 150 odd Boschhoek lovers in attendance for a long time to come. Fresh bread variety with butter and homemade jam was followed by beef sirloin topped with caramelised beetroot and béarnaise sauce. This was accompanied by traditional chicken pie with mushrooms, potato bake with garlic, cream and onion and oven roasted butternut, together with beetroot and ricotta cheese salad. Added to this were fresh salad greens topped with tomato, cucumber, feta, dried cranberries and sprouts and salad vinaigrette, rounded off by a dessert of milk tart and chocolate brownies. A culinary feast dished up in the bush - well done to Johan Billman and his team!!

The game released at the celebration join other recently released game, including zebra, eland and waterbuck



together with a host that had never left, as witnessed by these python, otter and aardvark tracks spotted by our manager and field guide Jandre Higgo.

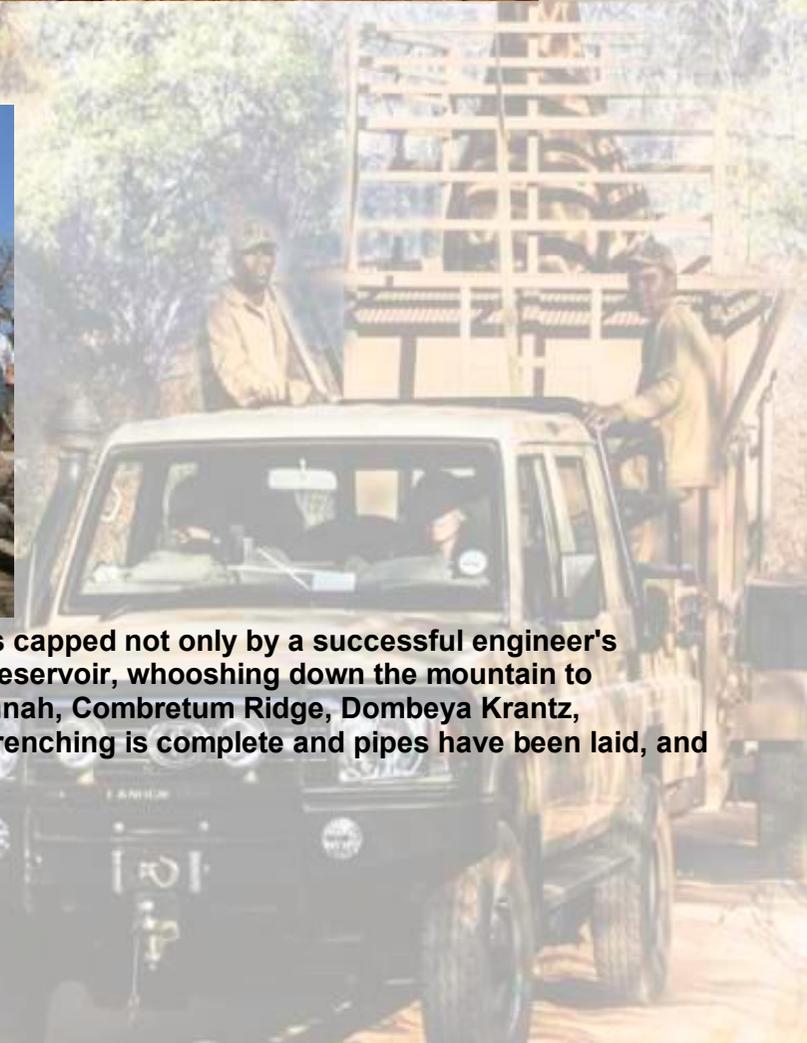


The game isn't over - yet more is still to come!

Completion of infrastructure is rapidly approaching.



The amazing feat of rolling 40 000 litres' capacity worth of storage capacity up the mountain is capped not only by a successful engineer's inspection, but also by the satisfaction of seeing water that has been pumped for 3km to the reservoir, whooshing down the mountain to the Waterval stands 2km further. That's right! Some finishing work aside, the stands at Savannah, Combretum Ridge, Dombeya Krantz, Doornkop, Wildeseringwoud, Vaalbosdam and Waterval have water! In the northern section, trenching is complete and pipes have been laid, and reservoirs and pump stations are being set up.



In addition to their impressive structural qualities, the concrete roads being built on the steep sections are also a work of art, with specially added ochre further blending into the environment.



Jandre will notify our owners when construction is under way on the mountain road from the main gate down, as this access will then be closed. The final step will be construction of the entrance and clubhouse.

Spreading the word about Boschhoek continues to keep Jandre busy with new visitors. Approximately 60 stands transferred, several more sold and new offers regularly received leaves precious little time for contemplating why the incredible is happening despite difficult times. Is it Boschhoek's amazing nature? The fact that we will only have as little as a quarter percent of it under roof? Is it the recent change in legislation causing Boschhoek to probably be a last-of-its-kind full title bush opportunity? Or is it that the absence of a minimum bush lodge size and prescriptive styling set buyers free to create a bush adobe to suit their own preference and pocket? Frankly, it doesn't matter much once you have breathed Boschhoek into your soul.

Boschhoek recently took pride of place in the Finweek Magazine, complimenting regular full page appearances in Country Life and Beeld.



Look out for the next Boschhoek edition in this Saturday's Beeld. The October edition of Country Life currently on the shelves also features a charming write-up about Boschhoek's success story. Not to be outdone, SA4x4 magazine is also hosting a full page Boschhoek ad in its November edition which should be on the shelves next month.



On the bush lodge building front, our control architect Gerd Bolt has already received several plans. Gerd has compiled a plan checklist for owners and architects - contact him at bolt@mweb.co.za. A building guide will also be available from the Home Owners Association shortly.

Wrapping up, one does stand somewhat in awe at what has been accomplished on Boschhoek in a mere five months. From a cattle farm with vast lengths of dividing fences and jarring jeep tracks, to an open game paradise with proper bush roads and reticulated water in keeping with the rhythm of nature. This deserves a few seconds of silence, a moment to dwell upon what is made possible by teamwork. Chris, Jandre, Ané, contractors and their teams on site, the engineer controlling our infrastructure trust fund, directors of our Home Owners Association, each and every owner, Gerd Bolt, MacRobert Attorneys and many others working selflessly and relentlessly towards the goal of handing Boschhoek back to nature, providing space to find ourselves anew in creation.

If you haven't yet been, come and soak your feet in a pool in our gurgling mountain stream, springing from our very own wetland high up in the mountain. Let Jandre show you this and so much more - valleys, plains, views and the workings of nature big and small. Kindly call in advance to arrange, and round it off with a lovely light lunch or an indulging stayover at the adjacent Leeuwenhof Lodge and Spa.

Spring Greetings!



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Full title 1-2 Ha stands from R399 000; Stand PLUS Bush Lodge from R750 000 (or less)
Waterberg (Modimolle/Nylstroom) 1.5 hrs from Pretoria, 2 hours from Johannesburg

