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## A fantastical fun-filled fairy forest frolic !

Mark Bishop  
Maureen Lahoud

It's not easy to put on a drama production under the current COVID restrictions, but the Barefoot Academy did just that. The stage was placed under the cover of a huge Jakalberry and as the sun set, the intrepid band of drama and dancing students set about taking the audience away on a fantastical journey into the Fairytale Forest.

Due to the pandemic, the academy was unable to present this Fairytale Forest production in 2020. The pressure mounted and under great duress, the academy managed to accomplish the impossible most fantastically this year.

What a wonderful escape where we could all forget the pressures of everyday life and sit back and watch in awe as the story unfolded before our eyes. Blessed with an exquisite venue at the Blue Mountain Restaurant at the Blyde Wildlife Estate, all the boxes were ticked; a magnificent forest setting, shade for daytime rehearsals, food and beverages for the performers and audience, and best of all, a safe outdoor venue that conformed to all the COVID-19 conditions.

As the Director and Producer, Maureen Lahoud had a tough task on her hands – she had to separate each grade for teaching, limit



**If you go down to the woods today ..... you're in for a big surprise !**  
**Luca Graf (left) and Kate Lownie (right)**

**Photographs by Dianne Tipping-Woods**

the classes to SCS students only, teenagers had to meet at the Van Rensburg Hall and some dances had combined grades that only met for the first time on stage at the dress rehearsal!

The amazing script was written by Melindi Randall,

a local teenager. Cleverly put together and composed, it told the story of fairytale characters unhappy in their original stories.

They all sought refuge in a shoe, with an old lady whose children had left her. The wolf had been falsely

accused of being bad, Jack (of beanstalk fame) had his Mother eating his goose, Goldilocks' parents were getting divorced and she was being pressured to choose sides... you get the idea!

Starting from Grade 1,

right up to Matric, the show featured forest fairies & elves, and trolls (Grade 3), witches, cats (Grade 4), wicked woodsmen and witches (Grade 5 & 6), a Mad Hatter's tea party (Grade 7) and the featured Fairytale char-

acters (College students). The wicked woodsmen and witches, who were allergic to harmony, threatened to destroy the peace at the sanctuary. However, the Fairytale outcasts, who felt their uniqueness was something negative, .....

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# “Winter is here...”

David Batzofin - Editor



It cannot be another month, can it? We are virtually halfway through 2021 and we keep asking ourselves “Where has the year gone”? What of the decade that was 2020? And what have the past months taught us about ourselves and the way that we interact with each other and the planet?

So many questions and do

we have any of the answers as yet?

Life in a town like Hoedspruit continues almost as it did before, except now the friendly faces are hidden behind masks of many colours and designs. But does that detract from the friendliness of the locals? I don't think so. The coffee is 'lekker' and the welcome that I received from the

residents that I interacted with on a recent trip was warm and honest.

But what of the way forward for the many businesses that rely on the influx of tourists, both local and international, to support them? Much like this newspaper that has returned in print form (at the request of many locals), so tourism will return as soon as the international travel routes reopen and travelers are not fearful of stepping into a plane for a 12-18 hour flight to enjoy a

safari in South Africa. That is the long-term goal, but what of the short-term.

It is my belief that locals will become tourists in their own country and that the vast amounts of money that flowed on international holidays will be channeled into local businesses and the surrounding lodges. Guesthouses in Hoedspruit are already seeing an upturn, which bodes well for all involved.

There will indeed have to be adjustments made and service levels will have to

be increased to attract both the business and the tourism market back to town.

It also seems that Hoedspruit is leading in the establishment of vegan restaurants, an important selling point for the modern traveler.

As we head into the South African winter, my hope is that we will all emerge into the Spring of 2021 with a renewed energy and passion that will carry us forward.

Until next time, stay safe and stay healthy.

*David Batzofin*  
EDITOR

## Local poets shine bright

Dirk de Vynck

**Teen winners find their voice, share their passion, and invest in education**

Two Mpumalanga teens are creating a unique identity for themselves as poets in their communities. Both were 16 years old when they made history as the youngest ever winners of their respective language categories in the third AVBOB Poetry Competition last year.

For ordinary folk, this accolade and the R10 000 prize money is beyond imaginable for many. When this exceptional news arrived, Pristine Siyabonga Mtsweni's father thought they were being pranked.

As a Grade 10 learner at Mabusabasala Secondary, Mtsweni won the isiNdebele

prize, and Sibahle Thwala, now a 5th Form (Grade 11 equivalent) scholarship student at Waterford Kamhlaba in Swaziland, won the Siswati category.

We followed their progress a year later, eager to hear how their poetry is progressing. Both are writing about the society they live in, taking time out from busy soccer schedules to reflect on their world.

Sibahle Thwala is the fifth of six children born to his single mother, Thembayena Sibonisiwe. He took great pride in helping to pay for his siblings' college fees, groceries for the family, and buying his very own cell phone with his winnings. This ambitious youth has his sights set on studying science in the United States of America one day. He is currently pursuing an Inter-

national Bacalaureate but still finds time to write poetry regularly.

“I started writing poetry before entering my teens and poetry is very helpful. I needed a way to express my emotions and ideas safely,” said Sibahle, who encourages other teens to practice the skills that will give themselves a voice. “Even today, I was working very hard in class, so I took a break to write a couple of poems. I've met a lot of other poets, which helped me form relationships, to express myself, and to accept myself as I am.”

Pristine's father, July Innocent Mtsweni, says his son is doing well since winning the competition and still writes with vigour. “When he told me he was entering the competition with a poem about

his late mother, I said ‘Good luck. Maybe one day you'll become an author?’ Then came the announcement and I thought a joker was calling. Soon I saw it was something very big!” said Mtsweni Snr.

Like his fellow teen poet, Pristine invested his winnings in education. “I bought study guides in isiNdebele and dictionaries and stationery with my publication fees. Nine of my poems were published in the AVBOB Poetry library, each earning R300. Now I have invested my prize, saving for my tertiary education,” he said.

The boys read a lot of books. Both encourage other youth to try poetry. Pristine said, “I wanted to help other people to overcome their grief when I wrote about losing my mother. Poetry helps you to express emotions. You can reach out to somebody and help them through the

same situation you've gone through.” Enjoy this stanza in translation from his poem to honour his mother's memory. It reads like a prayer:

**Thank you, Lord  
Pristine Siyabonga Mtsweni  
We thank you, O Lord,  
for lending us this flower,  
We thank you for the time  
we shared.  
She was a blessing to us all,  
We were blessed by her arrival  
on earth.**

Sibahle also wrote about his mother, who inspires him daily with her endeavours: “She is always hoping that tomorrow will be better than yesterday. Even if she doesn't have a plan in mind, she keeps doing all she can for us. My poem is about how the sun brings hope when it rises, and people get out of bed, work hard, and they get another chance to improve.”

Sibahle's attitude, like his poem, is itself a ray of sunshine:

**The sun is a new hope  
Sibahle Thwala  
It appears just like that,  
The sun is a new hope,  
When we have lost  
our energy  
And think that nothing  
will be pleasing,  
It surfaces and shows  
us the way,  
Wakes us up and out of  
our beds.**

See the full poems in the original languages with translation as an appendix below.

For more inspiring poems that offer comfort during times of loss in all 11 official languages, please visit the AVBOB Poetry website: [www.avbobpoetry.co.za](http://www.avbobpoetry.co.za)



Pristine Mtsweni



Sibahle Thwala

## Letter's to the editor

Letters to the editor – May 28th 2021

**A failing municipality !**

Dear Editor,

I'm writing this letter of concern and frustration with regards to the Hoedspruit Municipality. For more than four weeks now the municipality has been “operating” without access to emails, internet connectivity, or telephones.

The Telkom lines have been stolen and although there are wireless providers that can offer internet and get the emails working, the issue has not been resolved. The Municipality does very little for the people of Hoedspruit living on estates as most of these estates are self-managed with regards to roads, power, and water. And yet, we have been hit with another proposal to increase rates and taxes by 14%. The notice letter says we can object via email. But they don't work!!

Property transfers have

come to a grinding halt. Attorneys can only reach the municipal staff by physically going to the municipality, a hard task for out-of-town attorneys. But even worse, clearance certificates cannot be issued on a sale, as the carbon-copy book that they are written into is full! I repeat, no certificates can be issued until they get a new book which will take weeks. According to an attorney, handwritten certificates are not acceptable by law. We used to get printed certificates in the past. I'm not sure when the Municipality regressed to a book.

Sellers who need their money can't get it, people who have sold their homes and are relocating can't move in or take transfer. Sales agents and attorneys, as well as other service providers, derive income from property sales. The impact is causing huge disruptions in people's lives. And it appears no one at the Municipality cares. Personally, I do not feel the current service levels warrant or justify the proposed increase in rates

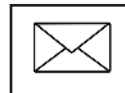
and taxes.

I urge the public to go to the municipality and see the level of activity, enthusiasm, and service we are getting as a community. If anything, I believe there should be a reduction in our rates and taxes unless there is a concerted effort from our municipality to significantly reduce costs, increase efficiency and improve productivity before an increase is considered.

**A concerned citizen**

From the editor:

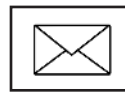
Kruger2Canyon did try to get a response from the municipality, but at the time of going to print had been unsuccessful in making contact with anyone willing to comment on the situation.



Dear David

The content was great – so good to see many stories to read. I read it from cover to cover. Vusi had a dream, and our dream came true.

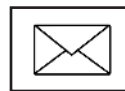
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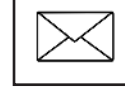
To the Editor

Well done on a job well done! It was so good to see the paper again! Thank you.

Eric



Oh my goodness – what a lovely breath of fresh air! Love the fact that there were 4 extra pages – wow. I think you got the town going, hehe. I saw many people talking about it, and pointing into the paper and discussing things, it was so nice to see. I look forward to my next read. Chris



Dear Editor

Can we not have some interactive stuff in the paper? Lets get us retired folk thinking again. In our opinion you have done an amazing job reintroducing the local spirit to Hoedspruit. Well done.

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# Wildshots outreach is looking for volunteers...

Mike Kendrick

The WSO courses are now being delivered by two of our most talented graduates, expanding the program's reach and impact.

But we need help with transport (as the tutors don't yet have their driving licenses) - delivering the cameras and two tutors to the teaching venues.

I'm hoping there might be some kind volunteers who can help with the transport to assist delivery of one program, at a date convenient with you.

"We need volunteers to assist with transport".

This will entail just three days of your time, picking up the tutors at Acorns to Oaks on the Orpen Road, and driving them and the cameras to the teaching



Wild Shots Outreach Programme leaders with recently qualified students. Left is Warren Ngobeni Right is Rifumo Mathebula

venue, sitting at the back of the classroom whilst they run the workshops, and then on the second afternoon, driving the tutors to the lodge for their game drive (and possibly joining

the game drive if there's room). You are not responsible for transporting students - only the equipment. The third day is shorter - just a review, celebration, and awards event.

Mike's contact details mike@wildshotsoutreach.org.

# A fantastical fun-filled fairy forest frolic !

Cont. from Page 1...

"The fairytale story continued with push and shove and the clever intertwining of all the characters made one really consider the possible outcome of the plot"

However, the Fairytale outcasts, who felt their uniqueness was something negative, rallied, and in a team effort, created the strength to overcome the dark side.

It had a wonderful message of love conquering darkness and this was

brought to life under the stars by the stars of the evening, who all performed with great gusto and enthusiasm. Personally, I loved the Trolls, some of whom had very itchy ears!

Maureen was clear that without help the production would not have taken place, and amongst the many, special thanks and gratitude must go to Andre Nel for hosting this beautiful production, Mr Viegas and the

Southern Cross School for the loan of stage pieces, chairs, and personnel for stage setup and breakdown. Thanks to Tinus, the Blyde Wildlife Estate Manager, to all the parents who encourage their children to develop their creativity and confidence, always facing the onslaught of WhatsApp messages and requests to get their children ready and presentable for the shows.

But the greatest thanks

must go to the dance & drama children, who made the show possible and wonderful, under difficult circumstances.

What a fantastic evening. What fun, what joy, what love, and what a success!

Well done to all.



Monae Janse van Rensburg



Emma Imrie



Malwandla Ndlovu

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The trolls



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# Top Tips to improve your Wildlife Photography

Michael Tucker

## Tip 1: Get off "Auto"

Even the latest and greatest digital cameras, packed with cutting-edge technology, cannot ever give you the results on the Auto mode is compared with the more manual modes available on most decent cameras. Learn the basic modes and settings, and always shoot on them. The improvement in your shots will be instant. Try and use the aperture priority or program mode as a starting point. At least then you will be able to "aim" using focal points and have control over your exposure.

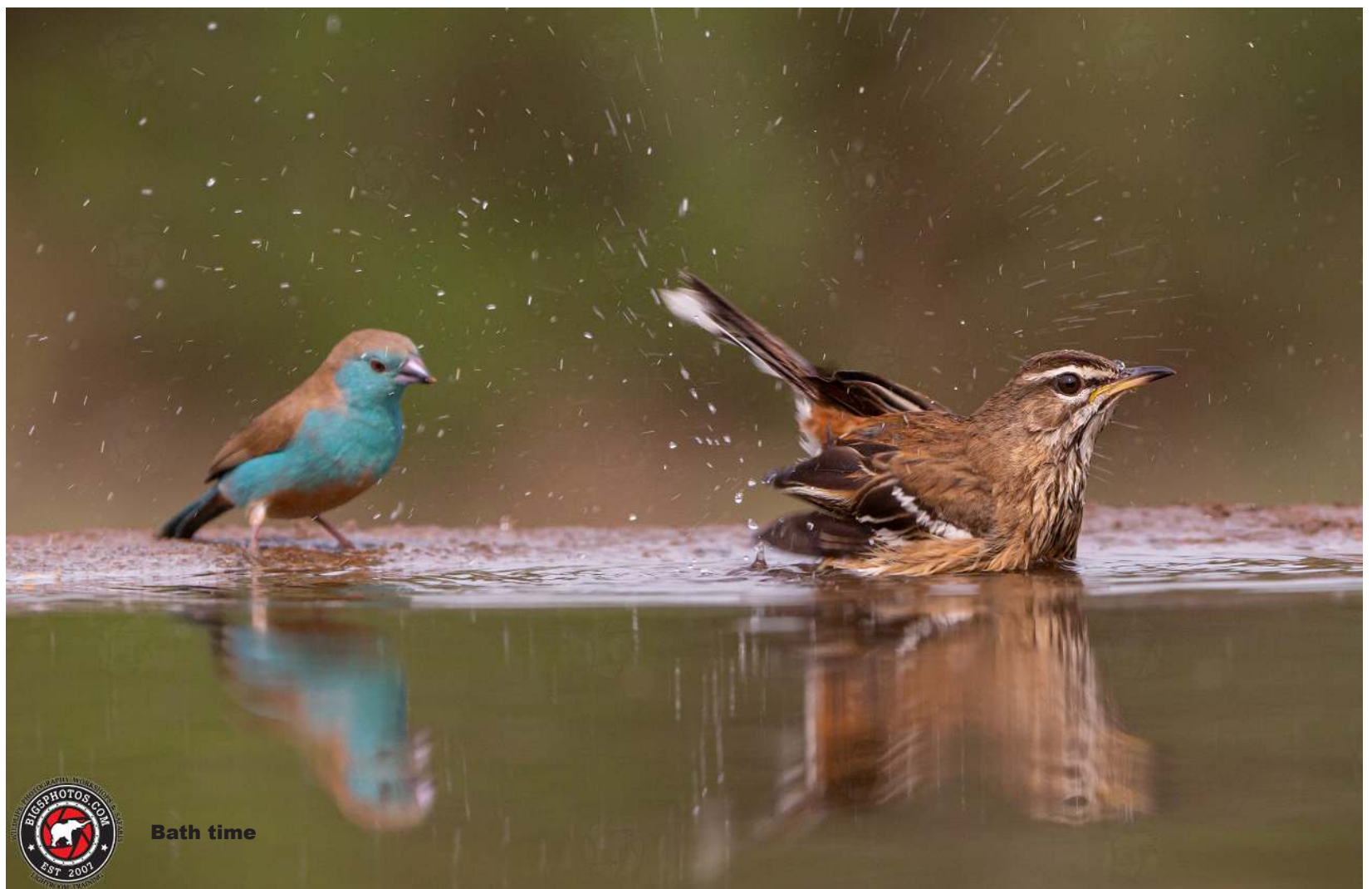


Running zebra



## Tip 2: Use continuous autofocus modes

AF-C or AI Servo (manufacturer dependent) is a setting where the camera will continually focus. This is particularly important in Wildlife Photography as your subject can move at any time. Even the smallest turn of a head can change your focal distance. By using this mode, you ensure that your subject stays in focus. Some more advanced systems also allow you to fine-tune this focusing system, allowing advanced tracking systems and the ability to avoid possible obstacles.



Bath time



Michael Tucker

## About Michael

### David Batzofin

Award-winning wildlife photographer, Michael Tucker started his love affair with the bush and photography at a young age while taking wildlife photos on family holidays. He started creating images that would be published in local and in-

ternational publications. His second love was passing on his vast knowledge of wildlife photography.

In 2007 he established [Big5Photos.com](http://Big5Photos.com), a wildlife photography institution used to fuel his passion for teaching. [Big5Photos.com](http://Big5Photos.com) specializes in photographic training by offering photo

safaris and wildlife photography courses. "With a tutor who is an experienced professional photographer, teacher, and wildlife guide, you'll definitely be in good hands!"

Michael prefers his talents to be showcased through the people he has taught, and to date boasts 16 stu-

dents who have won major local and international wildlife photography competitions.

Everyone that has been on one of his workshops will attest to his absolute passion for sharing his knowledge and specialist skills in taking better wildlife images. His knowledge of the various

photographic brands is second to none and a constant hunger to learn is what sets him apart.

Michael hosts specialized training workshops and safaris along with various online training platforms.

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# The jewel in crown of the Karongwe Portfolio

*Travel & Things.*

Becks Safari Lodge in the Karongwe Game Reserve that opened 6 years ago was purpose-built and is, in a word, breathtaking in its simplicity of design as well as the decor which has been kept, low-key minimalist.

The reception area, like all the other public spaces, seems vast due to the high-volume roof and the lack of clutter. Despite the size, it is a welcoming rather than intimidating space

and new arrivals are made to feel at home very quickly. It is here that paperwork is completed and the ubiquitous property tour begins.

Opposite the reception desk is a well-stocked curio shop, a must for those who collect keepsakes from their safari destinations.

They serve a proper lunch that caters to all dietary requirements. Meals can be enjoyed both indoor and outdoor depending on the weather.

The HUGE lounge is divided into a couple of areas allow-

ing guests to be both public and have some privacy at the same time.

In the depth of winter when this reserve gets cold, the fire would be most welcoming.

The muted grey of the buildings blends perfectly into the shadow of the trees and the raised wooden walkway is an extension of the deck that can be found around the main building. Look closely and you might just make out the fact that the rooms are actually made of canvas stretched

over an aluminum frame. It took me a moment to realize this as when I stepped inside the fixtures and fittings are of a high standard with not a crease in sight.

Does anyone know why beds at game lodges are so huge? Most of them offer beds that are larger than King size and come with enough pillows to build a fort with. Not that I am complaining, it is merely an observation. The problem comes when I return home to my regular king-sized bed, which takes me

a day or two to get used to.

**“Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away”.**  
– Anonymous

The bathroom offers visitors the choice of a bath and shower as well as a vanity slab with double basins and a wall-mounted hairdryer. The separate toilet can be closed for privacy and the shower has a door that opened onto the deck, allowing guests to enjoy the safety of being inside, while at the same time having the

experience of an outdoor shower.

The camp, once the sun sets, takes on a whole new persona. Subdued lighting enhances areas without becoming intrusive and the fire pit with its blazing logs turns what could be seen as bland into brilliant.

The property is wheelchair-friendly both inside and out. There is a ramp at the main entrance and seeing that all the public areas are spacious, guests in wheelchairs will find those easy to navigate.



Beautifully appointed main Lounge area and the spacious bedrooms

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# The link between conservation and rate rebates...

Nicholas Theron & Wehncke van der Merwe

By working with private as well as communal landowners the K2C NPC is championing a drive to declare newly protected areas as a landscape conservation measure. The K2C NPC has been (since 2018) instrumental in negotiating the implementation of the municipal rates rebate benefit program for protected areas within the Maruleng Municipality.

The willing, committed and conservation-minded landowners that want to protect important areas can access benefits as part of the Biodiversity Stewardship Program. This program is a national platform that allows landowners to declare their land as a protected area (Nature Reserve or Protected Environment), as legislated in the National Environmental Management Protected Areas Act. By declaring the areas as protected, landowners are making their contribution

towards achieving South Africa's Protected Area expansion targets as signatories to the Convention of Biological Diversity. They are also making a significant contribution towards the conservation of species, habitats and supporting climate change resilience at a landscape level. It is important to note that the 'rates rebates' are one of the mechanisms identified nationally to support landowners who are making these important and vital commitments.

Compliance means developing and implementing a comprehensive management plan, establishing a legal entity, and formally assigning it as management authority. All landowners that are compliant under the Act will be in line to receive associated rates benefits. These declarations can be undertaken on land that has a wildlife or tourism focus, and on agricultural and forestry land where important biodiversity and habitats occur.



Our beautiful biosphere landscape

The Maruleng Municipality understands that conservation-based tourism is a significant economic driver in the area and that creating these benefits further stimulates the local economy and creates jobs. Visitors to the area will notice different land-uses side by side, such as protected areas, farmlands, forestry, and community areas.

**“Managing the land and investing in conservation and the economy is a win-win situation for all”.**

The escarpment is home to a diversity of habitats that encompass a variety of both plant and animal species. From a biome perspective, visitors travelling to the escarpment will find savanna and woodlands at

the bottom, rising through forests and grasslands, to fynbos vegetation types at the top. This change is also reflected in the types of animals found, from the iconic Big 5 species below, to a variety of other animals found around the top (some of which are only found there), making up the diversity of mammals found in the area.

All the rivers and the corridors they form connect everything. The Klaserie, Timbavati, Sabie, Sand, Letaba, and the Selati Nature Reserves are all named after rivers that run through them, and an important river in this area is the Blyde River that feeds into the Blyde Dam that the locals rely on for the water supply in the area.

We all try and build our homes facing the mountains to appreciate their dramatic beauty. It's important to take a moment to reflect and think about the fact that this is where our most precious resource, water, comes

from. All these elements are interwoven and form a part of the fabric of our daily lives. On one level or another, we all rely on nature and the resources it provides. All of nature is connected. It connects the Kruger National Park with the escarpment along rivers and corridors. Our job is to protect these corridors to ensure animals have areas to move, to help us adapt to climate change, to protect our livelihoods as well as sustaining the local economy.

UNESCO ratified the Kruger to Canyons Biosphere Region in recognition on an international level, of the importance and beauty of our landscape, our reliance on nature, and our need to protect and treasure it.

To find out about registering as a protected area, accessing municipal rebates, or getting involved in the K2C Corridor Project contact: [nicktheron@kruger2canyons.org](mailto:nicktheron@kruger2canyons.org) or [wehncke@kruger2canyons.org](mailto:wehncke@kruger2canyons.org)

# A phoenix is rising - SanWild Wildlife Sanctuary

Didi Schoeman

Tucked in the granite hills between Gravelotte and Leydsdorp lies SanWild, a Wildlife Sanctuary with a rehabilitation centre founded in 2000 by the late Louise Joubert. The 2,500-hectare property is home to all of the big five and a myriad of local wildlife species, many of whom have been rescued from as far afield as Europe and the Middle East.

The organization has faced a challenging existence after the untimely passing of its founder in a car accident in 2018. Louise was the driving force behind SanWild's success and managed the rehabilitation centre and all fundraising initiatives to keep the sanctuary afloat. With her passing, the wheels came off, and the organization quickly fell into disarray.

2018 and 2019 saw an unprecedented number of reports of animals lost in poaching attacks, including rhinos, lions, and hippos.

SanWild was placed under severe pressure from conservation groups to disband, reaching its lowest point in March 2020.

During the COVID-19 lockdown, the 21-year-old organization underwent a complete top-to-bottom restructure and a new board of trustees was appointed, and the management team, together with all staff was replaced. Six months later, and the sanctuary is finally able to breathe again, having turned around the decline with significant successes in stopping all poaching in the reserve.

With the assistance of Gravelotte Farm Watch and Tactico Security and Anti-poaching, SanWild was able to prevent several rhino poaching attacks. Late last year, the team managed to confiscate two rifles and poaching equipment from fleeing poachers.

A month ago, SanWild's manager and scouts assisted Tactico and Gravelotte Farm Watch to arrest two



rhino poachers on a farm nearby. The sanctuary dehorned all its rhinos at the end of last year with the help of Rhino-connect to become a less desirable target for poachers.

With all the positive development over the past few months, the last thing anyone expected was a major setback that could undo all the progress that was made in one foul sweep.

SanWild and two neighbouring farms were attacked on 9 May 2021 by a well-organized and perfectly executed strike that did not resemble anything that has ever been experienced in the past.

The well-coordinated attack saw two rhinos poached on the neighbouring property. At the same time, several high-tech alarm systems were

stolen on SanWild and a third adjacent property. In the same incursion, the solar panels of a borehole pump that supplies a large part of the sanctuary with water for the animals to drink were stolen.

With damages on SanWild alone over R100,000.00 and the stolen alarm systems critical to help keep SanWild's rhinos safe, the team hesitantly reached out to its followers on Facebook for help.

**“What was clear is that to keep the sanctuary afloat there needed to be substantial support and monetary help”**

The support the sanctuary received was phenomenal. From messages of support to suggestions of new technology that could help protect the sanctuary and surrounding farms flooded in. More importantly, people opened their wallets and made substantial donations that enabled SanWild to replace all the critical alarm systems that were stolen during the raid.

Companies from South Africa, the USA, and the UK also reached out to offer advice and assistance with artificial intelligence technology. This could potentially lead to an autonomous network of CCTV smart cameras that can monitor the road network surrounding several farms, including SanWild. The technology can act as an early warning system, detecting poachers before they attack. Plans are underway to raise funds for this initiative that will benefit the whole community and help keep a substantial rhino population safe.

The SanWild team wants to thank everyone for their kind support.

“We know that we have to win back trust, and we are working hard towards that goal. There is so much to be grateful for, and with a supportive community, anything is achievable”.

## Letter scramble

... from page 11 . The answers (don't

holiday	guide	travel	giraffe	equine	pangolin	property
cumulus	landcruiser	tourist	leopard	encourage	challenge	amazing
medicine	conservation	wildlife	cheetah	publish	trail	community
insect	education	reserve	waterfall	contemplate	lookout	helpful
elephant	galaxy	biosphere	puzzle	hornbill	binoculars	safari
constrictor	mining	river	orbit	roller	rifle	camping
bushveld	constellation	estate	season	flycatcher	pothole	happiness
escarpment	vehicle	wildebeest	weather	farmhouse	surgeon	sunshine



## European Rollers, time to bid them farewell

Casper Badenhorst

**A migration of a different kind.**

Here are some fun facts:

When threatened the European roller chick will vomit a foul-smelling orange liquid onto itself to deter a predator. This smell also warns the parents on their return to the nest that a predator is around.

European rollers cover over 10,000 km when migrating from Europe and Asia to sub-Saharan Africa and in spring they repeat this mammoth journey again.

Adult European rollers eat about 25 insects per day. According to the IUCN Red List, the total population size for the European roller is around 200,000 -600,000 individuals, including 100,000 - 500,000 mature individuals in Asia, North Africa, and Europe. In Europe, the breeding population consists of 75,000 - 158,000 mature individuals.

From late November and some years during late December European Rollers arrive in South Africa. Birds from Romania, Bulgaria,



Casper Badenhorst

Greece, Lybia, and Hungary migrate across the Balkan Peninsula, and then continue their journey to the southeast towards Africa. The Iberian population migrates across the Sahara desert to the Chad Lakes region.

The migration route from Europe takes these birds across the Mediterranean between August and Sep-

tember with most birds moving through Ethiopia in September. In October the migration sees them moving south through Uganda and Kenya. End of October the first birds start arriving in the far north of South Africa and from November to January birds keep on moving in and further south through South Africa arriving in the eastern and west-

ern Cape by the end of January with numbers peaking in February.

**"The 2021 season, was exceptional, as it was possible to spot 200-300 individuals in a single day in the Kruger National Park during February".**

South Africans are accustomed to seeing the resident Lilac-breasted Roller perched on bushes close to

the road in Kruger Park. Taking a picture of this colourful bird is almost compulsory on every visit. Between December and March when the migratory European Rollers are here the Lilac-breasted Rollers disappear out of sight as their European cousins are a dominant species that take over all the best perches along the roads forcing the Lilac-

breasted Rollers to retreat deeper into the bush.

Rollers are still-hunters and perch all day on a low bush looking down for any insect movements in the grass below. Roads are excellent open areas where unfortunate insects are more exposed and easy to catch thus the reason that bushes alongside roads are prime hunting perches.

Between March to April, the reverse migration occurs rapidly and en masse as hundreds of thousands of birds are then reported flying north along the Tanzanian and Somali coast on their return trip to Europe.

European rollers are monogamous and form pairs. They nest in an unlined tree or cliff hole and lay up to 6 eggs from May to June in the Northern hemisphere. The incubation period lasts for 17-19 days and is performed by the female. The chicks are altricial, meaning they hatch naked and blind unable to feed themselves, but quickly develop with parental care. They start to fly after 25 to 30 days but still depend on their parents for about 3 weeks more.

## The end is nigh for captive lion breeding

Natalia Rosa

**SATSA, the voice of inbound tourism, has welcomed this weekend's release, by Environmental Affairs Minister Barbara Creecy, of the High-Level Panel report which advocates putting an end to captive lion breeding.**

The panel was established in August 2018 and concluded its work in December 2020, submitting recommendations on policies, regulatory measures, practices,

and policy positions related to hunting, trade, captive keeping, management, and handling of elephant, lion, leopard, and rhinoceros.

"We are particularly heartened that the panel shares our view that the captive lion breeding industry does not contribute to conservation and is doing damage to South Africa's conservation and tourism reputation. The department's decision to initiate a policy and legislative review to put an end to this practice as a matter

of urgency, could not have come sooner," says David Frost, CEO SATSA, which presented its Animal Interaction research, guideline, and toolkit to the high-level panel as part of its efforts to consult with the wider industry.

"Our data started to show us that the perception that tourist attractions offering animal interactions were unethical, held the power to tarnish the international reputation of South Africa and severely impact on the

tourism industry. If not addressed, we would need to spend extra effort and resources to simply maintain South Africa's reputation and tourism brand in international markets," says Frost.

To this end, and after a lengthy and wide-ranging consultation process and research study, SATSA developed an Animal Interaction Guide and Toolkit in 2019 aimed at assisting owners of captive wildlife experiences, visitors, and

buyers in making informed decisions based on sound ethics to support good practice only.

"We presented to the panel, an Integrative Approach which was locally born, locally relevant, African-philosophy-linked and Constitutional Court endorsed," explains Keira Powers, SATSA Board Member and Head of the Animal Interaction Committee.

"For tourism's sustainability, all that matters is what our key source markets

think. In our research, we reviewed what would secure South Africa the best tourism returns in the long-term future based on the value of tourism to jobs and the economy. It was clear that this lay in Africa's USP, its wildlife and communities, and that the shift in public sentiment away from exploitation of animals for our enjoyment is real and has come to bear on our tourism industry and product," says Powers.

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# The Balule Outreach Programme makes it's mark



Nick Leuenberger, Warden of Olifants Game Reserve introduces "K9 Page" the tracker dog to the children at the SAME Foundation's Care Centre in Sigagule



Afternoon fun beneath stormy skies at the SAME Foundation's Care Centre in Sigagule



Merry making before the storm at the Care Centre created by the SAME (South African Medical Expeditions) Foundation in Sigagule

Susan Harwood

## Bringing joy and comfort to the Sigagule and Maseke communities.

Nick Leuenberger, warden of Olifants River Game Reserve, Peter Eastwood of Tanglewood Foundation, John Anderson of the Balule Outreach Trust and Susan Harwood, board member of Olifants River Game Reserve and Trustee of the Trust, visited the SAME Foundation (headed by Shirley-Anne Beretta) situated in Sigagule and the Maseke Drop In Com-

munity Centre to catch up and donate various much-needed stationery, vitamins, masks, puzzles, balls, warm clothing, blankets, and school shoes.

The incredible work done, particularly by the SAME Foundation is truly beyond words, and Bags of Love (Johannesburg charity founded by Susan Harwood) is proud to support this organization and honoured to contribute to the Trust.

The Balule Outreach Trust was established in February 2012 to raise funds and engage in community de-

velopment programs in the Hoedspruit and Phalaborwa communities of Limpopo Province in South Africa. The Trust is registered as a non-profit organization with the Dept. of Social Development and with the South African Revenue Service as a Public Benefit Organization.

The founder of the Trust, John Anderson, says "From small beginnings in 2013, the Balule Outreach Trust has established a firm relationship over several years with our two major beneficiaries – funding of Bursary students at Southern Cross

School in Hoedspruit and South African Medical Expeditions (SAME) through their After School Child Care Centre in Sigagule Village".

**"The Trust is totally committed to fulfilling their aims and vision of continued community development programs"**

Covid-19 has, without warning, brought with it different challenges for which solutions have been urgently sought and the Trust is currently concentrating on providing funds for much-needed food, masks, and sanitization within the

communities. In addition to SAME we are supporting Nourish, an NPO operating in Sigagule with funds for making masks, and the Apostolic Faith Mission and the Maseke Community with funds for food parcels, both of whom operate in communities within the Phalaborwa region.

The Trust is well on its way to accomplishing some of our ever-evolving aims, but there is much still to be done. Your valuable support is the lifeblood that determines our success, both now and into the future.

Those interested in provid-

ing financial support to the Trust can do so by donating into their account, details as follows:

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# The end is nigh for captive lion breeding

Cont. from page 7 ...

Critical aims in SATSA's guidelines include:

To mediate between short term commercial gain and self-interest and longer-term conservation and sustainability interests

To put South Africa at the front of ethical travel destinations, thereby positively contributing towards growing the industry

To maintain and enhance the value of the tourism

wildlife economy by guiding and providing comfort to consumers/tourists in their decision

To enhance social co-benefits such as job creation and preservation of species for future generations

To improve the welfare of wild animals in captivity and identify activities and hence attractions that are considered unacceptable.

Having an accepted, endorsed, and tested ethical framework to measure as-

essment against, brings consistency and timelessness to any decisions made now or in the future.

SATSA shares Minister Creecy's view that implementing these recommendations will result in the protection and enhancement of South Africa's international reputation, repositioning the country as an even more competitive destination of choice for ecotourism and responsible hunting.

This "new deal for people and wildlife in South Africa" bodes well for tourism in South Africa, Frost adds. "We have an opportunity to play a leading role globally in defining a shared vision for the sector, enhancing human-wildlife co-existence and extending the benefit-sharing for communities living on the edges of protected areas, while ending inhumane and irresponsible practices that greatly harm the reputation of

South Africa."

**"The chance to play a global leading role in human-wildlife co-existence should resonate with all those involved and with the communities that will participate and benefit in this drive"**

"We look forward to the recommendations being formalized in the Biodiversity and Sustainable Use Policy. In the interim, as stipulated by the panel report, SATSA is pleased

to note the recommendation that the protocol be developed based on the panel's collective recommendations which include protection of the wildness of our iconic species and their welfare and well-being, through elements of interaction tourism as indicated by SATSA's guidelines," Frost concludes.

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# Hayley's scrumptious vegan Spagetti Bolognese recipe

Hayley Cooper

Even in 2021, Veganism still has a stigma attached to it, one being that it is perceived as expensive.

Granted, if you eat only processed vegan junk food consisting of meat, cheese, and egg substitutes then it can be.

People who are trying to transition to veganism, eating more plant-based, or are just curious to try something new often do end up eating processed food. However, you can create delicious vegan meals of your favourite dishes affordably, often spending less than you normally would have to make your traditional version.

A classic, loved by adults and children alike is Spaghetti Bolognese or 'Spag lol' is traditionally made with spaghetti or tagliatelle pasta and a "meat sauce".

This vegan version is very similar to what you are used to, just substituting the mince with lentils.

Lentils are highly nutritious; they are high in fibre and iron and they consist of over 25% protein, making this a healthy option for you and your family.

This dish also freezes very well and the lentil mix can also be served over rice, over a baked or sweet potato, with some grilled Brinjal, stuffed in roasted pepper, as part of a "fry up style" breakfast or simply on some toast.

Time to try this traditional dish with a vegan 'twist'. These quantities will serve a family of 4

## Ingredients:

- Medium white onion.
- 2 crushed garlic cloves.
- A punnet of button mushrooms.
- 2-3 carrots
- Cup of frozen pea's (optional)
- Cup of uncooked lentils (use either the brown or the green ones)
- Tin chopped tomatoes or pre-blanch 2 tomato's, skin them and chop them up.
- Half tin tomato puree.
- Dried Herbs – Oregano, Mixed Herbs, Sweet Basil & Italian. (a generous pinch of each)
- 1L vegetable stock.
- Olive oil for frying
- Nutritional yeast or grated vegan cheese to the top is optional (will increase the cost of the dish)
- 1 packet of spaghetti or tagliatelle (make sure its vegan – most are)

## Method:

- Chop the onions and fry on medium heat in some olive oil until translucent.
- Dice your mushrooms and add them to the pan with the onions, adding a touch more oil as required until nearly cooked.
- Dice the carrots and add them to the pan to cook.
- Add herbs and crushed garlic to the mixture and fry for another minute or two.
- Season mixture with salt and pepper (Use less salt if your stock is salty)
- Rinse your lentils and add them to 750ml of the vegetable stock. Allow to come to the boil and then lower heat so it simmers for 45 minutes or until the lentils cook.
- At your 30-minute mark of the dish simmering, you can boil some water, add a touch of salt and a dash of olive oil and cook your pasta (follow instructions on pasta packet) try to coordinate both the pasta and the lentil mixture being ready at the same time.
- Once lentils are nearly cooked you can add the tinned chopped tomato or your blanched tomato and half a can of tomato puree. You can also add your frozen peas at this stage.
- Allow mixture to return to simmering and heat through.
- The remaining stock you can use throughout the cooking process to keep the mixture at the right consistency (sometimes you may use it, sometimes you won't)
- Drain and rinse pasta and put it on your plate/bowl.
- Add a generous portion of the lentil mixture on top of the pasta.
- If desired, you can top with some nutritional yeast or grated vegan cheese.
- Add a final crack of black pepper. That's it! Eat warm & enjoy!



## About Hayley

Hayley Cooper is the only Certified Vegan Hospitality Consultant in Africa. Her company, Wild Dreams, located in Greater Kruger National Park, serves clients in Southern Africa, including businesses in Botswana, Swaziland, Malawi, and beyond.

Hayley is passionate about helping Game Lodges, Res-

taurants, and Hotels within Southern Africa reach their full potential in attracting and serving the modern hospitality guest. She provides services in menu planning & recipe development to expand your customer base, creates vegan wine lists, offers vegan customer service training to support both front and back of house staff, and sources vegan and allergy-

friendly amenities.

She has 22 years of Hospitality experience in a range of different establishments and environments, both internationally and locally, allows her to quickly and effectively create customized plans to take her clients to their next level of service. She has combined her hospitality expertise with her passion for helping businesses create an exceptional vegan experience for their customers and guests.

Her enthusiasm comes from a deep love for animals, dedicating much of her time to rehabilitating wildlife in South Africa. Her approach to living sustainably and a passion for plant-based nutrition is what drives her to provide an expert service to her clients.

More information on her services can be found on [www.wilddreams.co.za](http://www.wilddreams.co.za)



I'd love to hear if you made this dish and what you thought of it, the best way to reach me is an Instagram message on my company page.

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Mr. Victor Swan, chairperson of the Hoedspruit Town Watch is requesting that the community to stay vigilant. Be careful when people loiter in your store or just stray around shopping centres. Look around and make sure that you do not become the next victim.

Although the town is relative safe, it is easy to become complacent. Serious crime is largely absent but petty crime such as theft out of motor vehicles, theft of cell phones, theft from businesses and other relatively small crimes, continue to be problematic.

The Town Watch has requested all residents and visitors to report any case of theft or other crime to the local SAPS. We have to report ALL crime, no matter how small. We cannot fight something that we are not aware of. The first step is to open a case at the SAPS, however if the SAPS refuse to assist, please contact the Hoedspruit Town Watch for assistance. This is the right thing to do.

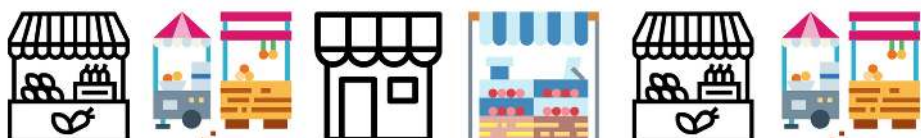
It is up to each and every resident and visitor to take responsibility for their own safety, however, looking after each other is a responsibility that the Hoedspruit Town Watch takes very seriously. They urge residents to stay alert and to make sure that all of us know what to do in case of an emergency. Let us all join hands and make sure all of us are safe and Hoedspruit remains crime free.

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# Starry starry night - Constellation of the month - Centaurus

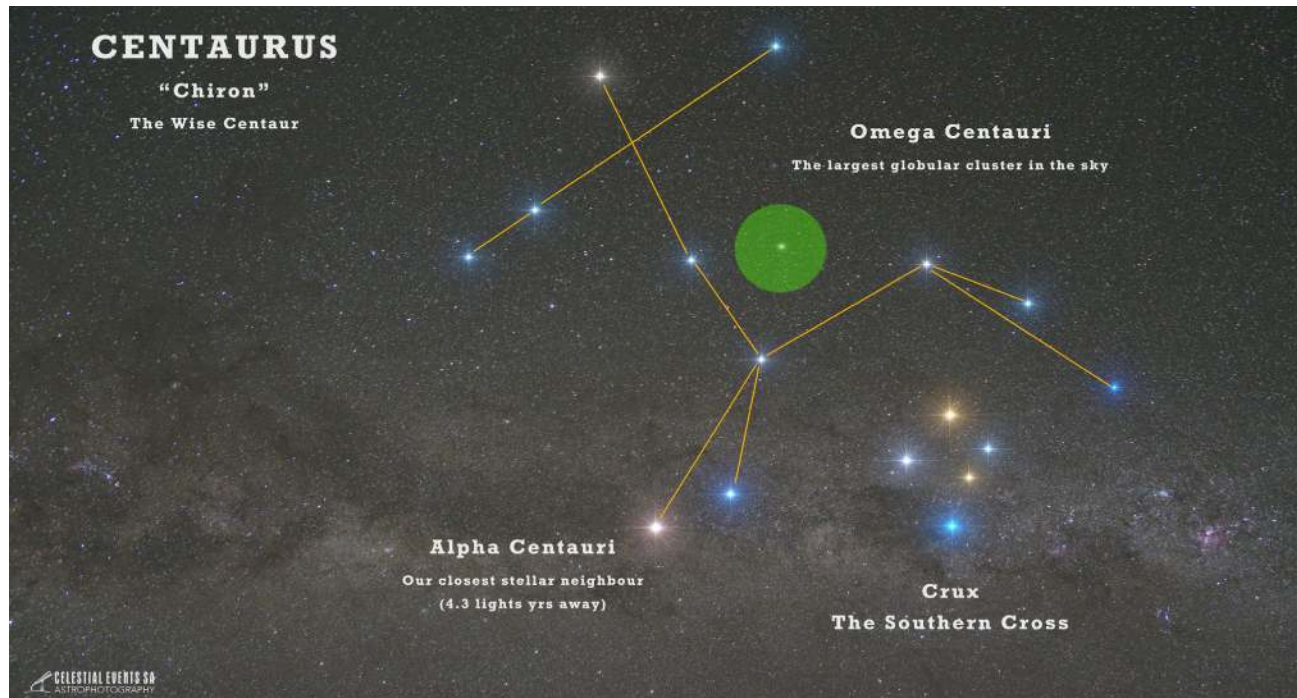
Ben Coley

Centaurus is the 9th largest of the 88 recognized constellations in the night sky. It can be found in the south, wrapped around the famous Crux (Southern Cross).

### Mythology

Centaurus represent the leader of the centaurs, Chiron. The centaurs were creatures that had the body of a horse with the torso and head of a man. Most were considered mighty warriors but Chiron was wise, kind, and as the son of Cronus (Zeus's father), the only centaur to be immortal. He is also famed for educating some of the most famous Greek heroes in history, including Hercules, Achilles, Asclepius, and Jason.

Chiron hosted a celebration for Hercules after the successful completion of another of his labours, but after too much wine, the party got out of hand and Chiron was accidentally



is labelled Proxima Centauri and the closest star of the 3 to Earth. Alpha Centauri is the 3<sup>rd</sup> brightest star in the sky.

### Deep Sky Objects

Omega Centauri is the largest and brightest Globular Cluster in the night sky and is visible to the naked eye. The easiest way to find this object is to draw a line through Gamma and Delta Crucis (Crux) until you find a hazy spot. Binoculars will reveal a fuzzy star but an amateur telescope will also reveal thousands of tightly clustered stars.

Omega Centauri contains more than 10 million ancient stars all orbiting a common centre and is situated around 17000 light-years away, in the halo of the Milky Way.

Such is the size and unusual motion of the cluster, many astronomers suggest that Omega Centauri may in fact be the core of the dwarf galaxy that was absorbed by the Milky Way in the distant past!

### Our wintery night skies in May

shot with one of Hercules' arrows. These arrows were laced in the virulent poison from the blood of the Nemean Hydra to which there was no cure. Being immortal, Chiron did not die from the wound but instead

was condemned to a life of unbearable pain.

**"However, Zeus took pity on Chiron and made him mortal once again, allowing Chiron to quickly die from the poison".**

As a mark of respect for all

he had done for the gods, Zeus placed him in the stars to honour the great teacher.

### Notable Stars

Alpha Centauri is the closest star to the Sun at 4.23 light-years away. Despite its

title, it is worth noting that this still puts it 40 trillion km from us! Also known as Rigil Kentaurus, meaning 'Centaur's Foot', the star is a triple star system, 2 of which can be separated in a small telescope. The 3<sup>rd</sup> member

# From an island dream to bushveld reality

Staff writer

### Gary and Dianne Hampton share their island adventure.

It all started back in 2019 when Gary and Dianne Hampton decided to sell up everything they owned in South Africa to make a lifelong dream of living on the tropical island of Belize come true.

They had worked for 3 decades, their 3 children had long flown the nest and they thought that it was time to leave the rat race of corporate business and head off into the sunset to pursue their dreams.

Gary had owned a decking business in South Africa and had visions of building wooden homes on a tropical island, while Dianne, a Reiki practi-

tioner, thought that the island setting would be ideal to continue her practice.

In February 2020 they climbed on board a Belize bound flight with all their worldly possessions in 4 suitcases to begin the new chapter in their lives. They explained: "Within a month we had got our business licenses and were ready to get our work permits so that we could start working. We had rented an apartment and were all set to start our new life in Belize".

Then in March, the pandemic hit and we were placed into 3 months of quarantine and not having had the opportunity to build up any sort of businesses, we saw our dreams starting to unravel. The exchange rate skyrocketed

and we had to find alternative accommodation and work opportunities. Not easily done for 'newbies' in a foreign culture.

We had to make a decision to return to South Africa, where we could work, or to stay on in Belize and become destitute. We no longer had the option of applying for work permits as our budget could no longer cover the cost of this as everything was so much more expensive.

It was with heavy hearts that we said goodbye to our island dreams and returned to South Africa and arrived in Hoedspruit in November 2020. Our dream had lasted less than a year thanks to the dreaded COVID-19 pandemic.

**"The people in Hoedspruit have welcomed us and are so friendly. They**

**have been supportive and it seems that we were destined to settle here".**

Dianne was even able to connect with a friend that she had worked with 19 years ago.

Both Dianne and Gary are hard at work reestablishing their respective decking and Reiki businesses.

Gary's new Kiddies Furniture range is proving to be very popular while Dianne has branched out, doing Reiki on animals.

**"I can connect with them on the same gentle energy level and can assist with pain and discomfort" concluded Dianne.**

Kruger2Canyon wishes both Gary and Dianne well and hopes that all their aspirations can be realized here in Hoedspruit.



Diane and Gary, happy in Hoedspruit



Beautiful deck done by Gary at Phuza Moya



Gary & Diane in Belize

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# Local FGASA guides make it to the finals !

Michelle du Plessis

Two field guides from Mpu-mulanga and Limpopo make it into the finals of the upcoming Safari Guide of the Year (SGOTY) competition.

Civilized Ngwenya and Shaun D'Araujo have been selected to compete in the annual SGOTY competition to be held at the NJ More

Field Guide College, Marataba next month.

Civilized currently works at Tanda Tula and Shaun hails from Londolozi. Three other guides make up the top 5, namely Togara Charingira (Royal Madikwe Safari Lodge), Wayne Howarth (Kariega Game Reserve) and Mike Medlinger (More Family Collection).

The 2021 Safari Guide of

the Year event is powered by The Field Guides

Association of Southern Africa (FGASA) with the prime goal of giving recognition to guiding excellence.

The competition, celebrating 10 years this year, honors professional guides within the tourism industry who are highly qualified and experienced FGASA guides. All are nominated by leading

lodges and training providers within Southern Africa.

This initiative was founded by Mike Karantonis who represents preferred travel partner, Africa Direct.

Excitement is growing as the finalists prepare to compete in several categories during the week-long contest starting on the 26th June 2021. Good luck !



Civilized Ngwenya



Shaun D'Araujo



## Letter scramble

Who can solve the letter scramble? The jumbled letters make up 56 words. Answers on Pg 6

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### BCB SOLUTIONS (PTY) LTD

Subcontractors are required for the following subcontracts:

X.002-120-2019/1_SC1	:	Package No.1 General Maintenance
X.002-120-2019/1_SC2	:	Package No.2 General Maintenance
X.002-120-2019/1_SC3	:	Package No.3 General Maintenance
X.002-120-2019/1_SC4	:	Package No.4 General Maintenance
X.002-120-2019/1_SC5	:	Package No.5 General Maintenance
X.002-120-2019/1_SC6	:	Package No.6 General Maintenance
X.002-120-2019/1_SC7	:	Package No.7 Pavement Maintenance
X.002-120-2019/1_SC9	:	Package No.8 Pavement Maintenance
X.002-120-2019/1_SC9	:	Package No.9 Pavement Maintenance

The approximate duration is 12 months for SC1 to SC6.  
The approximate duration is 30 months for SC7 to SC9.

Only tenderers who are at least 51% Black owned, who is an EME/EME start up or QSE and meet the definition of a Targeted Enterprise as defined in C3.2.2.5 are eligible to tender.  
Only tenderers that meet all the eligibility criteria under clause 4.1.1 of the Tender Data will be considered.  
Only tenderers who meet the minimum functionality score as stated in clause 5.11.9 will be evaluated further on price and preference.

It is estimated that tenderers should have a CIDB contractor grading designation as indicated in the table below:

Works Package	CIDB Requirement
X.002-120-2019/1_SC1	1CE and/or 2CE
X.002-120-2019/1_SC2	1CE and/or 2CE
X.002-120-2019/1_SC3	1CE and/or 2CE
X.002-120-2019/1_SC4	1CE and/or 2CE
X.002-120-2019/1_SC5	1CE and/or 2CE
X.002-120-2019/1_SC6	1CE and/or 2CE
X.002-120-2019/1_SC7	3CE and/or 4CE
X.002-120-2019/1_SC8	3CE and/or 4CE
X.002-120-2019/1_SC9	4CE and ABOVE

The tenderers attention is drawn to clause 4.1.1 of the Tender Data for each work package when submitting their tender.  
Tenderers from tenderers registered as potentially emerging enterprises but with a CIDB contractor grading designation lower than a contractor grading designation determined in accordance with the sum tendered, or a value determined in accordance with Regulation 25(1B) or 25(7A) of the Construction Industry Development Regulations, will be accepted.  
Only locally produced or locally manufactured products and components for construction with a stipulated minimum threshold for local content and production as stated in the Tender Data will be considered.  
Preference is offered to tenderers who comply with the criteria stated in the Tender Data.  
A tenderer's representative cannot represent more than one tenderer at the compulsory meeting.

**SUBCONTRACT TENDER DOCUMENTS**  
Tender documents are available at no cost in electronic format on CD. Tenderers must have access to Microsoft Office © 2013 and Acrobat Adobe © 9.0, or similar compatible software.

The physical address for collection of tender documents is the BCB Solutions (Pty) Ltd Site Offices, Unit 9, Agri park, Hoedspruit, Limpopo, 1380 where tender documents may be collected from TUESDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021 during the hours 09:00 to 16:00 (Monday to Friday).

Please be advised that the route will not be traveled and that it will be the responsibility of each tenderer to acquaint themselves with the route and its condition.

**TENDERERS' BRIEFING**  
A compulsory tender clarification meeting session with representatives of the Project Management Team will take place at the following venue on the specific day:

DATE	TIME	VENUE
THURSDAY, 27 <sup>th</sup> MAY 2021	10:00	Butswana Community Hall, The Willows

Tenderers' attention is drawn to clause 4.8 of the Tender Data when submitting questions / or clarifications related to this tender, queries may be sent to the following email address: tenders@bcbolutions.co.za Late arrivals will not be allowed, and their submissions shall be declared non-responsive.

**COVID-19 GOVERNMENT PROTOCOLS**  
The current COVID 19 regulations and rules will strictly be adhered to, i.e., wearing of masks that cover both mouth and nose at all times during the collection, briefing and submission of tenders. Social distancing and use of provided sanitizers upon entry at our venues.

**CLOSING TIME, COMPLETION AND DELIVERY OF TENDERS**  
The closing time for receipt of tenders is 14:00 on MONDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021.  
Tenders may only be submitted in the format as stated in the Tender Data.  
Requirements for addressing, delivery, opening and assessment of tenders are stated in the Tender Data.  
Queries relating to issues arising from these documents may be addressed to the following:

Enquiries	
Contact Person:	Mr Hein Lorenzen
Tel No:	072 097 3157
E-mail:	tenders@bcbolutions.co.za

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# HHS Netball Teams gearing up for 2021 Mopani League

**Sterna Marx**

HOEDSPRUIT: The netball teams of Hoedspruit High School can finally take on the court again and are practicing vigorously amidst all the Covid rules that have to be adhered to. They won't be playing with masks on but strict rules such as social distancing, wearing masks off-court, and regular sanitation of the ball during play are some of the strict new rules that have been put in place. The school has been entered into the 2021 Mopani League and the first

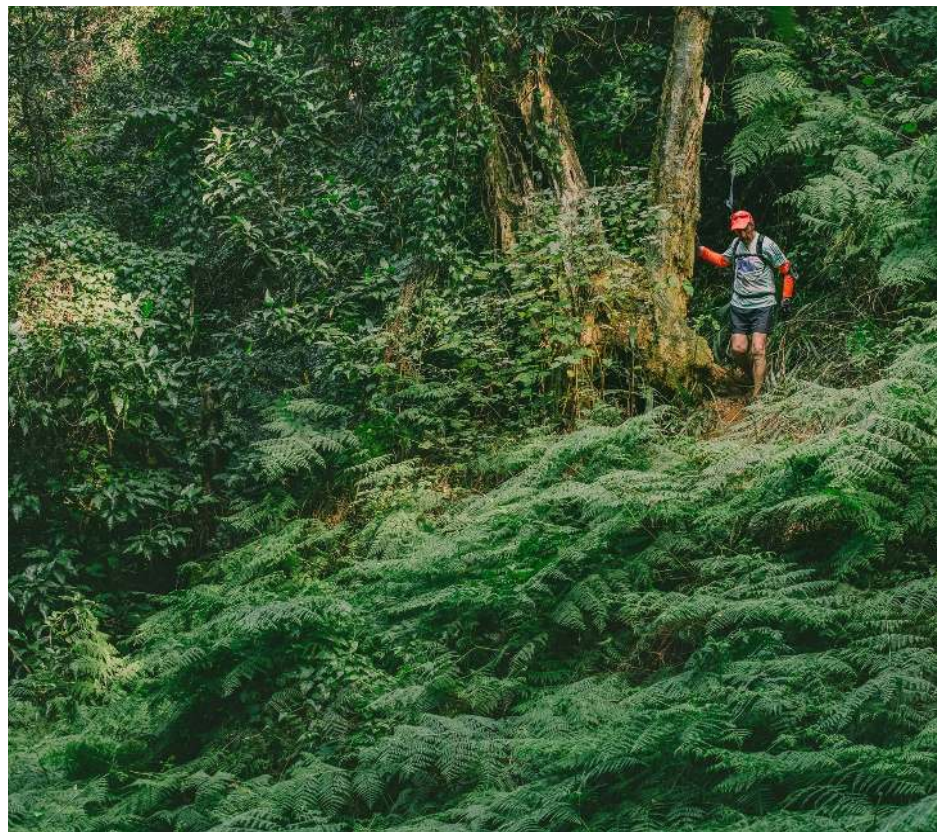
league matches start in May. Eight netball players are going for the Limpopo trails on 4 May and the school boasts with u/14, u/16, and a Second and First team this year. The coaches have been working hard with the players and they are ready to take on the current season with enthusiasm.


**The netball coaches**  
**Top: M. de Bruyn and A. Grundelingh**  
**Bottom: L. Jacobs and L. Rusawo**  
**Far right: Practice time**



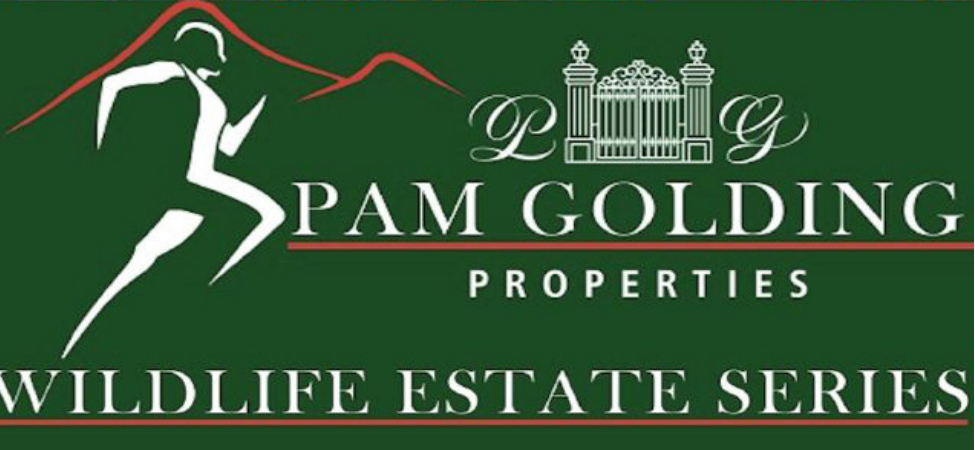
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