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*Dear Residents*

Would it not be great if, by the time you read this article, the Springboks are on their way to winning the 2019 Rugby World Cup? Let's hold thumbs for the boys in Japan.

Firstly, we would like to apologise for mixing up the photos of the kids that made a big effort on Mandela Day to give refreshments to the Security personnel. We trust that we will have it right this time.

**MANDELA DAY**



Rafael Da Silva



Reece Jones



also Reece Jones

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM) took place on 29 August 2019. Several resolutions were adopted - amongst others, the new rule regulating the height and position of hedging between properties especially close to the roadside. The aim of this rule is to ensure better visibility to road users.

The minutes of the AGM should be circulated soon. Your new Board of Directors are the following members:

- Ian Hirschfeld:** Chairperson and Head of the Legal and Ethics Committee
- Abel Mawela:** Vice-Chairperson and Co-Member of the Legal and Ethics Committee
- Jaco Oosthuizen:** Head of the Security and Digital IT Committees
- Gerald Venter:** Head of the Finance Committee
- Tshepo Peege:** Head of the Environmental and the Marketing/



Communications Committee  
**Andre van den Bergh:** Head of HR  
**Riaan Viviers:** Head of the Property Management Committee, which includes the Infra-Structure Development Plan (IDP)

**SAVE OUR PRECIOUS WATER**

Our environment does not only play an important part in our daily lives, it is the one aspect that mankind



must preserve at all costs in order to survive - especially water. Quite often one will notice a gardener cleaning the driveway by hosing it down, or washing a car using a hose, instead of a bucket of water. The Irene Farm Villages as a community, (residents, employees, service providers and visitors), is once again requested to use water sparingly. The Tshwane Municipality has published a list of tips on how to save

water, a few being the following:

- Water your garden early in the morning or late in the afternoon;
- Use a bucket to wash your car;
- Check your water pipes regularly for leaks;
- Check your irrigation system for leaks and ensure that the plants or lawn are correctly watered;
- Collect rainwater;
- Try and use your grey water for your garden.



An inspection of all the Tshwane City Council water meters was carried out during the night of 18 to 19 September by the Estate Management. Some meters were found leaking, which was reported to the Tshwane City Council. These meters evidently showed that water was used at the time of the inspection, when all water was supposedly turned off, which could be an indication that there is a possible water leak from the water pipe of the specific property. Residents are once again requested to have their water pipes inspected by a qualified leak detector.

### TREE PLANTING

Part of the development plan for improving the environment within the Irene Farm Villages is to plant trees. This year, a further one hundred new indigenous trees were planted in the various parks. However, there were



Coral Tree

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twenty-five trees that died during the past year. The question is often asked why some trees die, with multiple answers to this question: some reasons being frost or growing onto solid rock beneath the surface, or the taproot being hurt when the tree was planted, etc. The average cost to buy and plant a 20-litre tree is R400. I believe that the planting of new trees is one of the best methods to preserve our environment for the future.

The garden service team worked hard and was dedicated to finishing the 2019 winter programme and is now left with the landscaping of the main- and North gate entrances.

The Garden Creations' gardener of the month is Lawrence Baloyi.



### BIRDS FOUND DEAD

In the past, we received several enquiries regarding birds, especially doves, that were apparently killed by cats as their carcasses were found in gardens and parks. Well so we believed, till we received the photo from Dr Marthinus Horak, who is a resident of the estate, of a dove that fell prey to a Black Sparrow hawk in one of the parks. This indeed tells a different story to what we thought.



### TRAFFIC CONTROL

Traffic enforcement has come to stay in Irene Farm Villages. The HOA Board approved the training of four people to operate the Truvelo-camera, which is used for speed-trapping. In the past month about fifteen drivers were caught driving over the speed limit of 40km/h, with a penalty of R500 for each transgression. Members are liable for the conduct of their visitors, contractors, tenants, etc, therefore the penalty is imposed against the member's levy account. There is no excuse for driving fast. On each PIN-message being issued, the driver is reminded of the speed limit. Residents are requested to inform all their visitors to adhere to the speed limit. Apart from speeding, residents are asked to stop at stop-streets.





## INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Infrastructure Development Plan, (referred to as the IDP), is still delayed by the approval of the building plans for the two gate houses by the Tshwane Metro Council. The Council has now requested a Landscape Development Plan for the main gate building additions. A Landscape Architect will be appointed to draft this plan, which is a further unforeseen delay in the whole process.

Part of the IDP is the development of the HOA Stand 1671, referred to as the 'Contractors' Yard' next to the main gate. The Irene Land Corporation (ILC) is responsible for attending to the approval of the building plans for this property by the Tshwane Metro Council. The Council has now requested that a new entrance must be developed for this property. This is positioned closer to the adjacent Irene Corporate Corner (Quatro Fontane). Negotiations with ILC and the Business Owners' Association of the Irene Corporate Corner are in progress to resolve this matter.

## TAXI DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP POINT

It was brought to the attention of the Estate Management that taxis were picking up domestic workers and gardeners (household workers) at the corner of the intersection at Van Ryneveld Road and the North gate exit. In doing so, the taxis were



blocking the view of the road users that were exiting the estate to turn into Van Ryneveld Road. There is a pick-up point about twenty metres further down in Van Ryneveld Road, where the taxis can stop to pick up the

household workers. We appeal to our resident to request their household workers to wait for the taxis at the demarcated pick up points and not at the corner. This habit could cause a serious accident.

## DOGGY WALK AND MOVIE

The Doggy Walk and Pop-up Movie that took place on Saturday, 14 September, was well supported by our residents and their visitors. Ninety-three dogs were entered for the walk. The Homeowners' Association would

like to thank Mr Peter Varrie from Pam Golding for sponsoring the event in conjunction with their supporting sponsors, Boshoff Attorneys, MC van der Berg Inc and STBB Inc.

**See all the photos on pages 10 & 11**

## SECURITY

The upgrading of the access control at the two gate houses is now nearing the end. The commissioning, signing off and final payment must still take place. Residents are invited to inform the Estate Management of any problems that they encounter with the new GloVisitor App.

The GloVisitor App, which is used to generate PINs for visitors and short-term contractors, was also developed to allow for the registration of long-term contractors. The testing of this



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application is currently in progress and, once it is fully functional, it will be introduced to the residents. This will enable residents to register their long-term contractors online and interface with the Impro biometric system. This will speed up the process of registering the long-term contractors.

There were no security breaches during the past month. A special word of thanks to the Bidvest Protea Coin Security personnel, who are working hard at keeping our estate safe.

The Security Officers have come

across several garage doors left open at night during the patrolling of the estate. The Security protocol is to contact the resident with the request to close the garage door.

Emphasis must, however, be placed on groups of youngsters who walk around the estate at night carrying out mischievous tricks and vandalism. Your attention is drawn to the HOA Rule 4.4.20 which prescribes, that "No weapons of any kind or description, including any firearm, pellet gun, air gun, daisy gun, paintball gun or bow and arrow shall be carried around, used or discharged on the Property." We recently had incidents of pellets, daisy gun rounds and paint balls being discharged in the estate. The fact of the matter is that the only people who can assist the HOA to prevent these kinds of incidents, are the parents. Parents must always be aware of the whereabouts of their children.

### **CHESS**

Little did I know that we had a chess master in our midst with whom I had a brief discussion regarding the understanding of chess. He agreed to do a few short articles on chess, of which the first is published in this

issue. See page 16. Maybe this could lead to our own chess club?

We would also like to share with you the article of the thief called Busy in this issue. Please take the time to read it.

At this time of the year, we approach the exam period for many students. We would like to wish all our learners and students only the best of luck with your examinations, especially the Grade 12s, who will be looking forward to new challenges next year.

In conclusion, Stephen Covey said:



Best Regards  
*From the  
Estate Management Team*





## IRENE FARM VILLAGES HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION Summary Income Statement – August 2019

	August 2019		Year to Date		YTD Variance	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Value	%
<b>Operational Income</b>						
Levy Income	1 108 155	1 108 154	6 648 928	6 648 924	4	0.0%
Other Income	14 900	38 250	446 807	409 960	36 847	9.0%
	<b>1 123 055</b>	<b>1 146 404</b>	<b>7 095 735</b>	<b>7 058 884</b>	<b>36 851</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
<b>Operational Expenditure</b>						
<i>Professional /Administration</i>	116 440	127 634	406 118	433 505	27 387	6.3%
Accounting and Auditing	100 223	104 274	300 152	300 644	492	0.2%
Insurance, Legal and Admin	16 216	23 360	105 966	132 861	26 895	20.2%
<i>General Office</i>	1 937	8 311	49 263	53 716	4 453	8.3%
Office Administration	1 937	8 311	49 263	53 716	4 453	8.3%
<i>Operational Expenses</i>	234 826	221 434	1 296 735	1 299 785	3 050	0.2%
Municipal Charges	69 814	49 738	291 917	287 176	(4 741)	-1.7%
General Operations	16 269	19 603	93 338	97 051	3 713	3.8%
Salaries & Wages	148 743	152 093	911 480	915 558	4 079	0.4%
<i>Security</i>	451 012	471 965	2 791 918	2 837 847	45 929	1.6%
Security Operations	41 888	58 002	327 431	351 069	23 638	6.7%
CCTV Equipment Rental	16 161	21 000	106 707	129 000	22 293	17.3%
Guarding Services	392 963	392 963	2 357 780	2 357 778	(2)	0.0%
<i>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</i>	156 553	191 408	1 059 668	1 029 002	(30 666)	-3.0%
Repairs & Maintenance	20 292	53 850	261 571	249 050	(12 521)	-5.0%
Park Maintenance Contract	136 261	137 558	798 098	779 952	(18 146)	-2.3%
	960 768	1 020 752	5 603 703	5 653 855	50 152	0.9%
<b>Operating Profit / (Loss)</b>	<b>162 287</b>	<b>125 652</b>	<b>1 492 032</b>	<b>1 405 029</b>		
Non-Recurring Revenue	14 810	0	32 632	0	32 632	100.0%
Non-Recurring Expenses	22 579	103 000	169 020	794 000	624 980	78.7%
Net Positive/ (Negative)	(7 769)	(103 000)	(136 388)	(794 000)	(592 347)	
<b>Net Profit / (Loss)</b>	<b>154 518</b>	<b>22 652</b>	<b>1 355 644</b>	<b>611 029</b>		

*"The future depends on what we do in the present."*

– Mahatma Gandhi

Irene Farm Villages Home Owners Association - Project Income & Other						
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Value	%
<b>Revenue</b>						
Special Levies	202 731	0	1 216 073	0	1 216 073	100.0%
CSOS Levies	15 275	0	91 647	0	91 647	100.0%

IRENE FARM VILLAGES HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION Summary Levy Statements – July 2019								
	120+ Days	90 Days	60 Days	30 Days	Current	Total		Previous Month
Normal - Self Pay	-	-	1 589	24 066	-112 335	-86 679		-59 550
Normal - Debit Order	-	-	-	-	-11 448	-11 448		-10 639
	-	-	1 589	24 066	-123 783	-98 127		-70 189
<b>Debt Collection - AA (30/60 days)</b>								
Debt Collection - JJR (90+ days)	9 063	58 074	15 843	24 478	22 605	130 064	65%	165 138
Debt Collection - KSB (90+ days)	81 316	3 469	3 499	3 530	2 758	94 573	47%	91 042
Sold - Previous Owner Accounts	31 572	7 281	7 572	8 173	8 893	63 491	32%	91 580
In Transfer	-	-	-	-	-27 300	-27 300		-23 502
Other	23 656	6 447	6 025	6 056	-6 523	35 661		6 838
	1 660	-	-	-	-	1 660		1 660
<b>Debt Collection - Accounts &gt; R200,000</b>	147 267	75 272	34 529	66 303	-123 350	200 021	-23.8%	262 568
	1 064 668	20 543	20 609	20 763	11 061	1 137 645	1.6%	1 119 881
	1 211 934	95 815	55 138	87 067	-112 289	1 337 665	-3.2%	1 382 450

The HOA had a good collection month during August 2019, with debtors reducing by 23.8% (excluding the 3 main debtors who grew by 1.6%). 2 of the 3 big debtors are now in a foreclosure process, where we are dependent on their banks' legal processes, moving forward. In total, only 11 owe more than 5 months' levies, with 3 more (14) outstanding for more than 90 days.

Irene Farm Villages Home Owners Association - Capital/ Development Projects					
	Current stage	Current Status	Approved Budget	Actual Spend To Date	Available Budget
<b>Infrastructure Development</b>	Planning		8 797 910	681 089	8 116 821
<b>Power Solution Project</b>	Completed		2 010 879	2 010 879	-
<b>CCTV Project</b>	Completed		697 451	697 451	-
<b>Land Purchase Project</b>	Completed		2 282 850	2 282 850	-
<b>Security Upgrade Project</b>	Define		1 700 000	1 298 555	401 445
<b>Total</b>			<b>15 489 090</b>	<b>6 970 824</b>	<b>8 518 266</b>

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# Introducing your new



**Ian Hirschfeld: Chairperson and Head of the Legal and Ethics Committee**

Ian works in Johannesburg for a multi-national company as the Regulatory Director for sub-Saharan Africa. This is his seventh year as a resident in the estate and, as a former Chair of the IFV HOA, he sees the role of Director as an important part of building the community of the Irene Farm Villages, one of the best residential estates in the region.



**Abel Mawela: Vice-Chairperson and Co-Member of the Legal and Ethics Committee**

Abel's area of expertise includes finance, accounting and auditing; corporate governance; insurance; risk management; and compliance. His career spans all segments and operations of business, both in the private sector and the public sector, including national departments, provincial legislatures, agencies, public entities and local government. He is a Certified Director with the Institute of Directors, and an accredited trainer for mSCOA, as well as a preferred trainer for the National Treasury and the Chartered Institute of Government Finance and Audit Risk Officers. He is also an accredited liquidator with the Department of Justice and an Associate Insolvency Practitioner and a designated Business Rescue Practitioner with the South African Restructuring and Insolvency Practitioners Association NPC.



**Jaco Oosthuizen: Head of the Security and Digital IT Committees**

Jaco is a systems engineer by training and the Chief Operating Officer of an engineering company based in Johannesburg. In his leisure time, he enjoys mountain biking and marvelling at the splendours of our Milky Way as an amateur astronomer.

Jaco is responsible for the Digital Infrastructure portfolio of the HOA. The network coverage of the respective cellular service providers and the Fibre to the Home (FTTH) projects form part of this portfolio.

As emerging applications are demanding unprecedented access to the internet, many of the existing technologies that bring these services to our homes are unable to support this demand. FTTH, based on a passive, optical network infrastructure, has had a tremendous impact on delivering high speed bandwidth at an economical price while alleviating the bottleneck caused by access networks. Under Jaco's supervision, the infrastructure which is about to be installed in the estate will provide residents future access to high speed data, thereby helping IFV stay abreast of developments in the IT sector.



**Gerald Venter: Head of the Finance Committee**

Gerald and his wife, Annette, moved from Benoni two years ago and settled in Honey Bush Lane to be nearer to their daughter and her family, who have been residents in the estate for some time. Gerald is a qualified Chartered Accountant (SA) and holds a Master's Degree from the University of the Witwatersrand Business School. He has held senior financial positions in a number of listed companies and retired six years ago as an Associate Director of KPMG, where he was responsible for the financial management of the South African practice.

# Board of Directors



**Andre van den Bergh:**  
**Head of HR**

Andre has served on the IFV HOA Board before and is now welcomed back. He is currently the Chief Operational Officer of Pan African Resources, responsible for both Operations and HR. He has been in the gold mining industry for 45 years and is hoping to slow down in June 2020. His hobbies are golf and mountain biking. Andre also has a house at Pinnacle Point Golf Estate in Mossel Bay, where he intends to retire.

**Riaan Viviers: Head of the Property Management Committee, which includes the Infra-Structure Development Plan (IDP)**

Recently elected as Director for the Board of the IFV HOA, Riaan is looking forward to being a part of the team and putting his energy and experience to good use in making IFV a better place.

Riaan is a registered professional Construction Manager. He studied B.Sc. Construction Management at the University of Pretoria and qualified in 2001. He has been working in the South African building and construction industry for over 20 years, with a short period abroad. He is currently Senior Contracts Manager with one of the major SA contracting firms.

Riaan and his family have been living in the estate for 8 years and are proud to call IFV their home.

**Tshepo Peege: Head of the Environmental and the Marketing/Communications Committee**

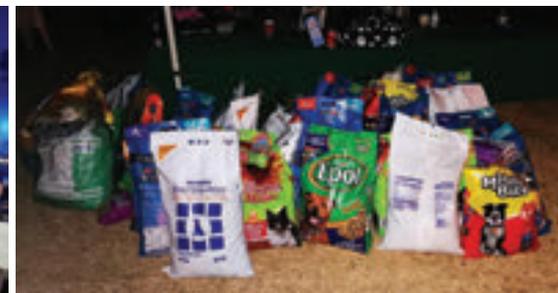
Tshepo has a Master's Degree in Transport Policy and Management from the University of North London in the United Kingdom. In order to gain experience and professional qualifications, he attended the Aviation Maintenance Training School in Ethiopia, and has obtained a Boeing 727 Flight Engineer License from the Ethiopian Civil Aviation Authority. He further studied Aeronautical Engineering at Aer Lingus in Dublin, completed a Finance for Senior Executives course through the Harvard Business School, studied Airline Management Integration at the International Air Transport Association (IATA) in Montreal and Integrated Safety Management at the Singapore Aviation Academy. He also attended the Civil Aviation Chief Executive Program at the Singapore Civil Aviation Authority in Singapore and, due to his diploma obtained at the University of Southern California, United States, he has accumulated vast knowledge in Aircraft Accident Investigation. He has held numerous positions at South African Airways, was the Chief Executive Officer at the Gateway International Airport in Polokwane, and the Chief Director of Aviation and Maritime Regulation in the National Department of Transport. He was the President of the African Civil-Aviation Commission (AFCAC) from 2004 to 2007 and is the founding member and former Secretary General of the African Airlines Safety Council (AFRASCO). In addition to being a member of the International Panel of Aviation Experts of the Singapore Civil Aviation Academy, he is also a member of several ICAO committees. He has flown over 4 000 hours throughout his professional career.

# ANNUAL DOGGIE WALK & POP-UP MOVIE





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# A THIEF CALLED 'BUSY'

*Her morning alarm goes off. She jumps out bed, puts her warm feet on the floor, and so begins the race called Monday. A strong cup of coffee is made, she and the kids get bathed, clothed and fed, and out into the expectant world they go.*

*The bold voice of the radio DJ does its best to soothe the anxiety of city traffic as she vigilantly manoeuvres her way into what is set to be a jam-packed day. Goodbye Kisses at the school gate, good morning smiles in the office corridors, and into the sea of reports, meetings and emails she dives!*

*In what seems to be the blink of an eye, her evening routine sounds its persistent call and back through the raucousness of peak-hour traffic she makes her way to supper preparations, primary school Mathematics, evening baths and finally . . . sleep!*

*And so shall it be for the rest of the week.*

The above is a narrative of a life that many people can identify with. It is a life in which we continuously give of ourselves, our time and our resources, with the intention of one day reaching a destination at which we believe that we will be fulfilled. It is a life of pursuing our professional ambitions, embarking on the quest to raise wholesome children, and perhaps a life of striving to add significant value to the lives of those around us as well.

As noble as our aspirations may be, there is a subtle threat that our modern lifestyles have introduced to our society: In our quest to become

that which we envision, we sometimes lose sight of the here and the now. We sometimes lose sight of the good people with whom we are currently blessed, and often overlook our current possessions as a result of our desire to own that which seems better when viewed from a distance.

Our seemingly good ambitions bring with them an inconspicuous element which, if not identified and well-managed, can rob us of the most important ingredient of life: life's moments. The race in which we continuously find ourselves holds the potential to numb us during the experiences in which we should be fully

present and conscious of the gifts that we possess both within us, and around us. There are many pleasures that some of us have stopped appreciating - the love of family and loyal friends, the smell of a good cup of coffee, the rise of the sun and the taste of a well-cooked meal.

There is a thief that is on the loose and he is stealing the essence of what living is about. He lurks in our homes, offices, shops, schools and churches. He stealthily roams our spaces, bombarding us with self-serving desires and is slowly robbing us of the ability to truly connect with each other. He regularly shows up as a new to-do item, a notification on our devices and the urge to ignore



the phone calls from our parents. His entrance is swift, and he treads very lightly. His presence is invisible to the unsuspecting eye, but the effects of his looting leaves the lives of his victims hollow and cold. His face is yet to be seen, but his name is quite common - those who have encountered him simply call him 'Busy'.

Avoiding his crafty schemes is possible though; it simply requires one to pause. Pause. Pause and let the reality of a moment sink in. Pause and think about the most valuable response to the situation in which one finds oneself. Pause and go

back to doing that which brings one fulfilment from time to time - read a book, play with the kids, take a walk and simply be.

It is said that we only live once, and if that is indeed the case, let us live our lives in such a way that this 'once' will have been more than enough to enjoy the pleasures of this fleeting experience called life.

Wishing you a beautiful month ahead,

*Nomthi Cebekhulu*

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## CHESS BY



Where to begin when writing a chess column is a difficult question as more has been written about the game than any other game in history.

The earliest reference to chess first began to appear in Sanskrit literature in the 7th century in

India. Then around 1000 AD, the first European text on chess appeared. In 1474, William Caxton published the *Game and Playe of the Chesse in English*.

This column will not only focus upon the history of chess but also on the strategy and tactics used in the game. Let us first look at some myths and legends about the origin of the game.

### THE STORY ABOUT THE ORIGIN OF CHESS

There's a famous legend about the origin of chess that goes like this - when the inventor of the game showed it to the emperor of India, the emperor was so impressed by the new game, that he said to the man: "Name your reward!"

The man responded: "Oh emperor, my wishes are simple. I only wish for this. Give me one grain of rice for the first square of the chessboard, two grains for the next square, four for the next, eight for the next and so on for all 64 squares, with each square having double the number of grains as the square before."

The emperor agreed, amazed that the man had asked for such a small reward - or so he thought! After a week, his treasurer came back and informed him that the reward would add up to an astronomical sum, far greater than all the rice that could conceivably be produced in many centuries!

### THIS MONTH'S OPENING CHESS TRAP

In keeping with the historical overview of chess in this first column, I will look at Légal's mate. This is a well-known chess trap coming from Philidor's defence. The trap is named after Sire de Légal (1702 - 1792) who was a French

player, or Joseph Henry Blackburne (1841 - 1924), who was a British chess master and one of the world's strongest players in the latter part of the 19th century. Philidor's defence dates back to the early 18th century and is still used today.

The moves in this chess trap are as follows:

1. e4 e5
2. Nf3 d6
3. Bc4 Nc6
4. Nc3 Bg4 (pins the knight - if the knight moves, black takes the queen)
5. h3 Bh5
6. Nxe5 Bxd1 Black grabs the queen!
7. Bxf7+ Ke7
8. Nd5# White says "checkmate" 1 - 0.

The final position deserves a diagram:



The order and reasons for the moves are explained fully on YouTube.

If you have any questions and suggestions, please contact Knight at 079 575 8636. Remember that the knight moves are always L-shaped.

Until next time - Knights are powerful pieces working in conjunction with other pieces and can deliver checkmate.



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*Giraffe in front of our lodge in the Royal Jozini Private Game Reserve with the Lebombo Mountains in the background*



# THE GATHERING PLACE OF ANIMALS

BY JAMES CLARKE, PHOTOGRAPHS BY MARY BROADLEY



*Dean, Lorane and their daughters at the family-owned Kujabula Lodge*



*Zebra festooned with red-billed oxpeckers*

A lot of people still automatically ask, “where?” when they hear of eSwatini. It’s the new name for Swaziland, proclaimed last year. I have just visited it for the first time in many years though I spent a lot of time there in the distant past.

Mary and I decided to explore the little-known Royal Jozini Private Game Reserve in eSwatini’s south-eastern corner. Its main attraction, apart from the ‘Big Five’, is its position on the banks of the Jozini Dam, a most underrated stretch of water bordering South Africa and the Kingdom of eSwatini.

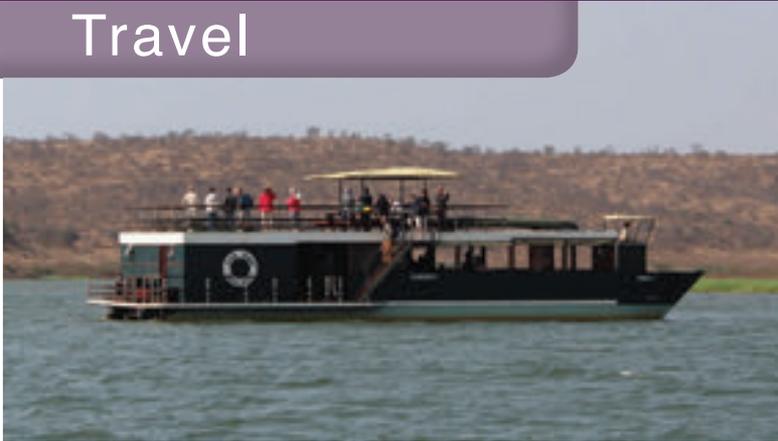
We were advised to enter the little kingdom – it is the smallest nation in the Southern Hemisphere – via its Mahamba border gate, a gate we hadn’t heard of before. The route from Gauteng passes through the sulphuric powerhouse of South Africa with its vast coalfields and giant power

stations, each big enough to light up the entire Eastern Cape.

It was 9.00am and the route-finder assured us that the N17, by-passing Springs, passing through Kinross and Trichard to Ermelo, was the fastest route. Once through Ermelo, the N2 begins – the N2, that’s the 2 000km highway that takes one right around South Africa’s eastern and southern perimeter to the Western Cape.

After 100km of a landscape darkened by pines and eucalyptus plantations that, from horizon to horizon, obliterate the real South Africa, one reaches the town of Piet Retief, now called eMkhondo whose name means





Game watching from Jozini Dam



Nyala family viewed from the Kumasinga Hide in Mkuzi

'assegai' – a reminder that one was now entering Nguni country.

We were pleasantly surprised to find eMkhondo was within a short drive of the Mahamba border post. The tarred road, running from the frontier through the hilly countryside along the South African border, is well-maintained and must hold the *Guinness Book of Records* for having absolutely no directional signs. Not one. We had to ask people whether we were on the road to Lavumisa where we knew we had to turn for the short drive north to the Royal Jozini Game Reserve.

The little town of Lavumisa ends at another border post – Golela, which means 'gathering place of animals'. The name could hardly be more appropriate for it is at the centre of a vast international agglomeration of major game reserves. One chain of private and provincial reserves stretches south down to the big thornveld reserves of Mkuzi, iMfolozi, Hluhluwe, Phinda and, on the coast, the iSimangaliso Wetland Park and St Lucia; and then north to the Ndumo Game Reserve and Tembe Elephant Reserve which in turn meld with

reserves in Mozambique.

We booked into the Royal Jozini Private Reserve, where we occupied a large and quite luxurious family lodge – it's one of a few lodges tucked into the thick bush and within a stone's throw of the banks of the Jozini Dam. There were noisy hippo, and crocodiles patrolling the banks. Birdlife was hugely varied. There were lions around, though one rarely saw them. We caught sight of elephant and, cruising on the lake on a catamaran belonging to nearby Kujabula Lodge, we saw a lot of wildlife on the South African shore, including rhino.

We met Kujabula's proprietor, Dean Dunn, a young Pietermaritzburg man and his wife, Lorane. Dean is a descendant of John Dunn, who had been adviser to the Zulu King Chetswayo – Dunn married 51 Zulu wives and had 117 children.

The Dunns' four school-going daughters, currently on holiday, were busy helping at the lodge, which can accommodate 50 guests and has a 20-seat conference room that also converts into a hall for children's parties or wedding receptions.

The private reserve in which Kujabula stands has its back to the long range of the Lebombo Mountains and abuts the Royal Jozini National Park which, in turn, abuts another reserve and so on ad infinitum.

It is the size of the dam – which was far from full at the time – that surprised us most. It straddles the South African border and is surrounded by wild country.

We spent three days blissfully birding before heading south to Mkuzi where we occupied comfortable safari tents. Though our kitchen facilities were poorly maintained, we at least had the braai – we even cooked macaroni cheese on it.

Although feeding animals that visit the camp is forbidden, it is obvious that everybody does it, for we were visited daily by a family of nyala that came, partly to drink, but also to seek food. Bush babies, too, seemed quite at home.

There's a need for a guide book to this interesting corner of Southern Africa – call it 'Golela' for it is indeed a unique international 'gathering place of animals'.



Umbrella thorns in Mkuzi's grassland

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TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY: \*Assuming that energy efficiency measures have already been implemented. \*\*Including wiring of AC connection to existing DB. †Subject to controlled consumption of essential circuits. • The price estimates shown above assume ideal installation conditions and configurations. • The kW ratings above are based on typical single phase supply. • Different supplies have different limitations. • 3.7kW maximum PV generator size allowed according to current regulations for a shared 60A single phase main breaker. • 4.6kW maximum PV generator size allowed according to current regulations for a shared 80A single phase main breaker. • 100 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> is emitted by the complete combustion of approximately 35 tons of coal (equivalent to approximately 8x8m of land surface area conserved) – relating to approximately 2m<sup>2</sup> of land area conserved for every 1m<sup>2</sup> of solar PV panels installed.

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