

# Wildehonde News



## LOOKING AFTER WHAT WE HAVE

Ever since we started Wildehonde Kloof our mindset has always been to be more responsible and reduce our impact and footprint to eventually only leave footprints in the sand and take only memories and photographs with when we leave, so when we finally got our solar farm up and running it was such a joyfull day being able to make a giant leap towards our goal. So we are fully off the grid and use the bounties of the African Sun to keep the lights on and the coffee warm.

## A YEAR OF REFLECTION

When the year draws to a close one is prone to reflect on the time and the year behind. A reflection is an exact copy of something that is already there. What you see is your perception, and we all know that beauty lies in the eye of the beholder. Today I would like to tell you of things that I have had the privilege of seeing this year. The year has such a shiny surface, and therefore the reflections are sharp and crisp. Here are a few things that really stand out to me.

## TEACH A MAN TO FISH

Chinese philosopher Loa Tzu said the famous saying, "Teach a man to fish..." This ties in with another of the dreams that we had when we started WHK; to make a difference in the community, especially the wonderful people that form part of our staff. This year we felt that we could give our wonderful room staff the opportunity to learn a new skill that they could apply in their work environment. They can now give the guests a relaxing massage and earn an extra income ( part of the fee goes directly to them).

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## ALL THE NEW THINGS

What is a year without some new arrivals and new members to the team? We welcome our vibrant new Lodge Manager, Hannalize van der Kolff. With her vast knowledge and love for the veld and the African night sky she has brought a lot to the table; from helping with game drives to taking guests out on a wonderful stargazing adventure. We didn't stop there and introduced a small herd of Sable Antelope to our reserve. We hope they will quickly fall in love with their new surroundings. Talking about being in love, we certainly know our giraffes are in love with each other and their environment, raising their two young calves (2m tall!) at WHK ... and the third calf seems to be on its way! All has grown and expanded in all sides and all directions.

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## FINE DINING WITH FYNBOS

With the the rain comes the bounties of nature, and staying in the most unique part of South Africa brings with it Fynbos. This botanical wonder brings so much diversity with it, from medicinal wonders that has been used by indigenous peoples for centuries, all the way to culinary delights and flavours. With this in mind our kitchenteam set off to Wellington and partook in a training and cooking seminar on how to use fynbos in cooking and all the plethora of applications that is especially useful for the tourist market. With stars in their eyes and unique ideas inspiring every thought, they are using the fynbos in ways that will add more value to your visit.

## WE BLESS THE RAINS

I think ToTo said it best, “We bless the rains down in Africa...”. I cannot say more about the rain, except how truly grateful we are for the abundance of blessing that was given not just to us, but the whole region. In ten years the Klein Karoo has not experienced so much green and lushness. Everywhere you go there is water next to roads and waterfalls adorning the faces of mountainsides. Farmers dams are filled to the brim and fields are planted with crops that could not be planted for the last few years. The local expression goes, “ I saw a farmer in the Klein Karoo dance in the rain.” Truly, I think every resident of this region has danced a little jig in the rain; hearts full of gratitude.



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## WE GOING TRAVELING

In the new year we are packing our bags and coming to Europe to tell them all about the wonderful bounties of South Africa, and how they can come and join in its riches of peace and tranquility. Our first visit will be in January at Vakantiebeurs. Please come and say hello! Later in the year we are also planning a trip to other European countries. Please let us know if you would like to meet up so we can schedule a meeting.



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