

ANOTHER DAY @ BOSCHHOEK!!

Dawn.



Click [here](#) to listen to Boschhoek awaking, the Piet-my-Vrou or Red Chested Cuckoo being joined by a morning symphony of others, with baboons grunting in the krantzes as they contemplate the new day. Soul moments to be treasured and cherished, still reverberating all around when a speck of white catches the eye.



Gently, without touching, the wonder continues.



A short hike back along the gurgling mountain stream sets the mood for coffee and a hearty breakfast. Then it's time for a tough cycle up to the foot of Kudu Ridge, encountering some of Boschhoek's denizens along the way.



A stiff climb along game paths until the signs of the wild dwindle to the droppings of klipspringer and dassie,



an eagle effortlessly soaring above, and then suddenly,



on top of the world at Boschhoek! The wind whips through mountain top grasses, the view stretching infinitely around.

Eventually we pick a challenging route down, with cliffs offering precarious hold for hand and foot. Back on the foot slopes an unusual fluttering draws the eye.



Later reference reveals a flock of white-crested helmetshrikes, settling mere metres from us to feast on their usual fare.

Collecting the cycles left by the roadside, a wild ride with reckless abandon takes us down past Eagle's Nest, Shakama and Karee to a hidden pool tucked away at the foot of a imposing rock close to the source of the mountain stream.



more pools.

From there a rough track further downstream, before lazing away the hot hours of the day in



Late afternoon takes us on a ride down to the lovely clubhouse and a rest in the shade of its huge wild fig tree,



before continuing to Savanna where herds of waterbuck, blesbuck, red hartebeest, kudu, impala and zebra congregate to relish the season's new growth.



The image of a young waterbuck bull standing proud and watchful in front of the herd is etched into memory in a way that no camera could ever do justice to.





As the sun sets on the Savanna,



we return to stoke the donkey boiler at the bush camp

before settling down with an ice cold sherry alongside a blazing fire amongst the night sounds of the bush.

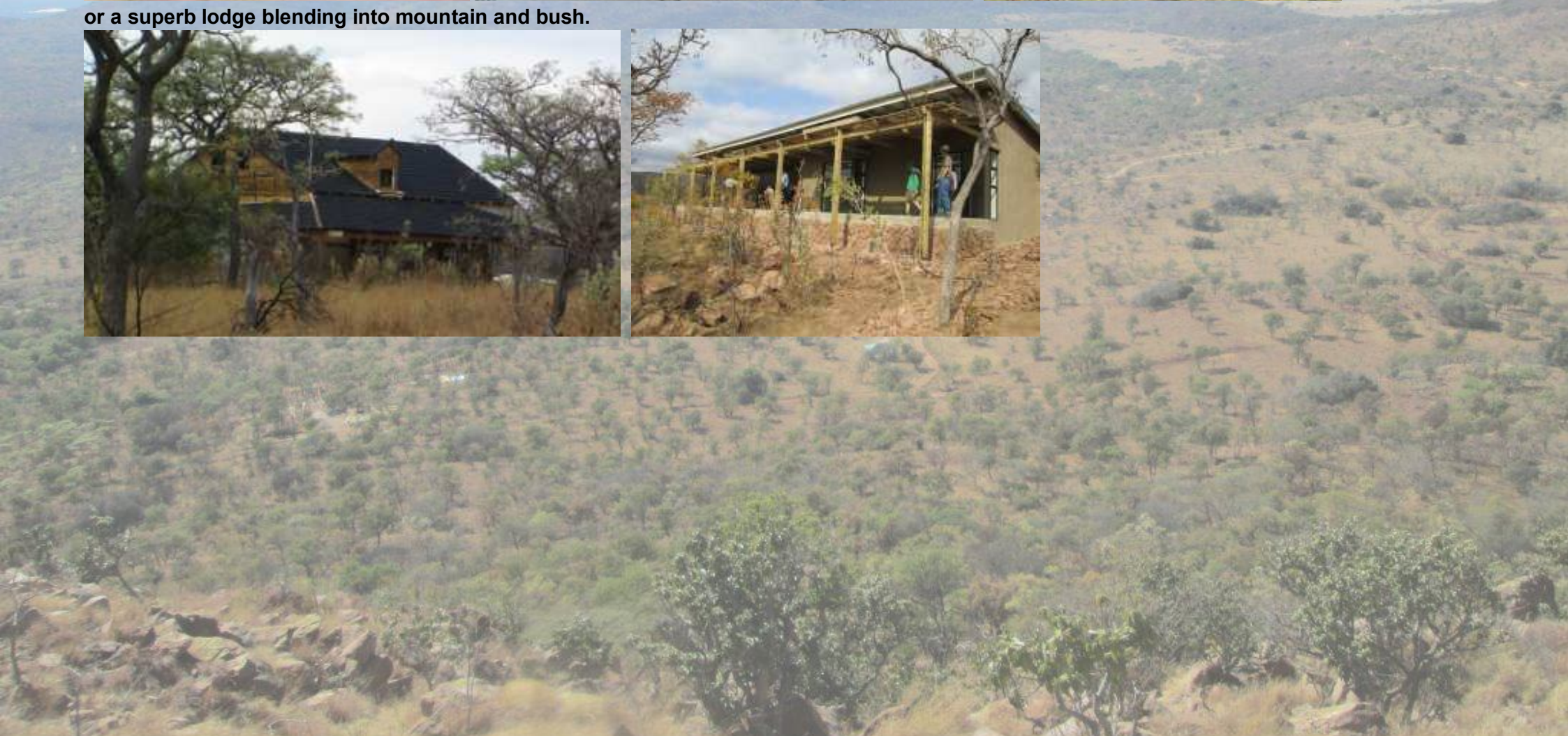


And that, was Tuesday...

Equally exiting, building at Boschhoek is rapidly picking up the pace, with several bush houses completed and an increasing number under construction. Variety remains the name of the game, whether it is a rustic weekend getaway inspired by some of the Hillbilly designs found [here](#),



or a superb lodge blending into mountain and bush.



Share a Lodge
@R300 000
R150 000 Joint Purchase
Own a 10% share, a week every 2 months
Shared costs @ actual minimum

, our initiative for those who prefer part owning a furnished lodge at Boschhoek rather than having the responsibility of full ownership, is in the final planning stages at Kudu Ridge B, the highest stand on Boschhoek with views forever.



The combination of a shared living area



and two separate sleeper chalets

with 4-6 beds each gives you the option of inviting friends along or purchasing jointly at half the cost. We have already received more than 15 serious expressions of interest for the 10 shares available, and we'll be calling for formal offers in the New Year. See [here](#) for more details.

Further afield, the new clubhouse access road bypassing the farm buildings across a dam is nearing completion.



It's set to be a beautiful boon to Boschhoek, with kingfishers and ducklings already in attendance!

The Boschhoek Home Owners Association's recent Annual General Meeting was well organised, well presented and well attended!



Thanks to our management team Jandre and Ane Higgo, outgoing director Mike, directors re-elect Marius, Tassilo, Alan and Ian, and congratulations to the newly elected directors Ronnie, Carl and Pieter. Chairman Marius expressed the board's goal to make Boschhoek the best managed estate in the country, and they are well on their way to achieving just that!

Boschhoek's marketing continues to deliver impressive results, with 30 new enquiries and 650 website visitors in the past month alone setting the scene for the continuation of our amazing sales record. A few lovely stands are still available at R449 000, a large number at R499 000 and some slightly beyond.

A new feature of our marketing was an ad on the national radio station RSG, to which you could listen by clicking [here](#).

This complemented our regular full page ads in the



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Spreading the word about Boschhoek doesn't end there - many of you will have

come across us in various places



and in other media.

This, however, still doesn't come close to explaining why more than 85 owners have already made Boschhoek part of their lives for permanent bush living and city getaways alike at a time when elsewhere was practically at a standstill. What is it about Boschhoek? Is it the emphasis being on the bush, without golf courses and suchlike intruding and adding expense? The freedom to build without a minimum size or a prescribed style to suit your preference and your pocket? Being close enough to Pretoria (1.5hrs) and Johannesburg (2hrs) to invite friends over for the day, or to do a weekly commute to ensure the business stays on track? Being only 15 minutes away from the expansive new ultra modern shopping centre in Nylstroom/Modimolle and right next door to the opulence of [Leeuwenhof Country Lodge and Garden Spa](#)? Boschhoek recently being included in UNESCO's Waterberg Biosphere Reserve? Ultra low density, with only around a quarter percent (0.25%) of Boschhoek to be put under roof, and only 10% of Boschhoek's almost 1500 hectares being set out as stands, the balance belonging to all through the Home Owners Association? Full title 1 - 2 hectare stands, enabling both space and security of title? A levy of only R500 per month? The quality of our typical Boschhoek owner, who is willing to leave title and position behind and simply share the love of the bush as succinctly demonstrated by our tongue-in-the-



cheek bottomless box at the entrance? Or might it be the recent change in legislation rendering similar offerings in future highly unlikely, and the impact this would have on property values at Boschhoek?

Personally, I believe it's both all and none of the above. If it weren't for Nature showing off its very best in our mountain sanctuary at Boschhoek, all of the above would be irrelevant.

It's time to conclude, and I wish to do so through a quote from a short piece entitled "The Spirit of Boschhoek", handed out to our owners at the AGM:

Boschhoek is about ...creating a sanctuary where not only our hearts may wander. A place where we, our children and our children's children may find reality and healing, meaning in a world which has fortified itself with layer upon layer of make-believe.

There is realness in the tracks...under the dappled shade of a wild seringa tree which no smartphone, pod or pad could ever aspire to touch. No screen, however flat or wide, could ever match the reflection of a mountain pool. No corporate structure will ever measure up to the amazing order of nature.

The infinite rules to regulate millions in the city are simplified to their very essence in the bush...It is this realness that our souls yearn for at Boschhoek. Let us tread lightly and treasure it. If we must go back to the other world, let Boschhoek live in our hearts long after the rain has washed away our tracks, until the next time...

As before, we invite those who have not yet experienced the lure of Boschhoek to come and visit us. We hope the hours you spend with us in this beautiful corner of the bush will eventually turn into years and lifetimes...

Do combine your visit with a scrumptious light lunch at Leeuwenhof next door, or bring your picnic basket and spend the day with your feet caressed by a mountain stream. Kindly call to arrange - Saturdays and Sundays 09h30, 12h00 and 14h30 or in the week at your leisure!

Bush Greetings!



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Full title 1-2 Ha stands from R399 000; Stand PLUS Bush Lodge from R750 000 (or less)

Share a furnished lodge @ R300 000

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