

Free newsletter for all Bushveld friends - Gratis nuusbrieff vir alle Bosveldvriende

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The aim of this newsletter is to keep all our Bushveld friends informed of new and interesting developments and opportunities for relaxation, fun and even training and corporate events in the Bushveld. This will include competitions with valuable prizes in each issue.

Bushveld Breeze is electronically driven. You can e-mail it to a friend or download it from the website www.adverta.co.za. You can contact us by e-mail.

We invite contributions in English and Afrikaans, although the bulk of the newsletter will be in English to also accommodate our many international friends.

How can you contribute? Start by sending this newsletter or our web address to as many Bushveld lovers and friends as you can, or send their e-mail addresses to us, and participate in the competitions. Leave the rest up to us.

We hope that this fresh BREEZE will contribute to us developing and you enjoying the splendours of the Bushveld.

'n Vars Bosveldbrieff

Die doel van hierdie nuusbrieff is om vriende van en belangstellendes in die Bosveld gereeld van inligting en gebeure in die Bosveld in te lig en om sodoende daartoe by te dra dat die Bosveld ontwikkel, geniet, ondersteun maar bo alles ook bewaar word.

Ons is totaal elektronies gedrewe. Jy kan per e-pos met ons skakel, of die nuusbriewe van ons webbladsy aflaai.

As jy 'n Bosveldliefhebber is, help ons om die nuusbrieff te versprei na soveel as moontlik van jou vriende, of stuur hulle e-posadres aan ons. Neem ook deel aan die interessante kompetisies in elke uitgawe waarin jy aanloklike pryse kan wen.

Bushveld Calender

27 - 31 March - Mauritz Hansen Schools Rugbyweek
22 - 24 June - Annual Bird Challenge
October - Elardus Erasmus Commemorative Athletics Meeting

Competition Time - No 1

This adorable little Blue Waxbill ("Blousysie") is our mascot, but he (or she) desperately needs a name! Send us as many suggestions as possible, and stand a chance to win valuable prizes:



Please, I need a name?

Prizes:

1. One free week-end for a family of six in a Cottage at Ndegi Ranch - see page 3
2. Free One Day Bird Identification course from [Blue Crane Heritage](#) for 6 people - see page 3
3. A copy of the exciting new book "[Spotter's Guide to Birds of the Bushveld](#)" - see page 2

E-mail your suggestions to info@adverta.co.za

Closing date:

Entries close on the publication date of the next issue.



Kromkloof where Eugène Marais stayed for years whilst studying the resident baboon troop and laying the foundations for the different animal behavioural sciences. His books 'Burgers van die Berge' and 'The Soul of the Ape' were based on this research



Spotter's Guide - Birds of the Bushveld Kitsgids - Voëls van die Bosveld

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Rugby en Atletiek

Gedurende Maart 2007 vind die grootste skole-rugbyweek in Suid-Afrika weer in Naboomspruit plaas. Dit is die jaarlikse Mauritz Hansen Rugbyweek en hierdie jaar sal 'n rekord getal van 70 skole deelneem. Die meeste skole skryf twee of drie spanne in.

Besoekers wat van opwindende skolerugby hou, kan gerus daaraan dink om vir 'n paar dae in die Bosveld-omgewing te kom uitspan, en om van hierdie rugbywedstryde by te woon.

Gedurende Oktober vind die jaarlikse Elardus Erasmus Gedenkathletiekbyeenkoms in Naboomspruit op die baan van die Hoërskool Hans Strijdom plaas. Dit is die enigste sintetiese atletiekbaan by 'n skool in Suid-Afrika.

Gedurende 2006 het die topatlete van 35 skole van dwarsoor Suid-Afrika op uitnodiging hier saamgetrek.

Service Providers

Remember to supply info to Limpopo Tourism & Parks for free inclusion in the Limpopo web. Info on accommodation, products, services and attractions can be submitted. Contact tel 015 290 7300 or e-mail info@golimpopo.com



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As jy eers een keer van die water van die Bosveld gedrink het, keer jy altyd hierheen terug!



Ndegi Ranch is an 1800 hectare ranch situated 16 km North of Mookgophong (Naboomspruit) in Limpopo Province. It is on the doorstep of the world-renowned Nylsvley birding area (a Ramsar site). Birdlife is abundant. There are also impala, kudu, duiker, blesbok, zebra, waterbuck, steenbok, giraffe, warthog, bushpig, ostrich and other small game on the ranch.

A hide at one of the many dams affords the visitor rare birding moments. Other activities at Ndegi include game drives, hiking, cycling (bicycles supplied), swimming pool, volley ball, golf driving range, all weather tennis court and pool. Saartjie Kidson and Herman van Niekerk also present their birding courses there.

Accommodation is in modern, fully equipped, self-catering cottages or in a peaceful caravan park with ablution facilities. The hall can seat 60 people and is ideal for conferences, training and weddings.

The entire design and lay-out of Ndegi has been sensitive to people with mobility impairment. Visitors in wheel chairs can, for instance, access all facilities.

On the web: www.adverta.co.za
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This issue's First Prize is a family week-end for 6 at the popular Ndegi Ranch



Let us use your skills

The Bushveld and most establishments associated with **Bushveld Breeze** is ideal, and popular, for all kinds of education and training. People drawn from a panel of experts in many instances assist with the required facilitation in addition to the personnel of the relevant facility.

If you are interested, qualified and available to assist with facilitation or training in our area, please supply us with your contact details and tariff. Our associates are, amongst others, involved in:

Leadership, team building, life skills, ecology, motivation, health, beauty and lifestyle, outdoor activities, corporate training, physical training and personal care.

Send an e-mail to info@adverta.co.za or mail to Bushveld Breeze, P O Box 1886 Naboomspruit 0560.

Jy kan ons help...

As jy kennis en vaardighede het wat jy in 'n opvoeding- of opleidingomgewing kan aanbied, lig ons daarvan in en ons kan jou op ons paneel van fasiliteerders plaas.

Stuur 'n e-pos aan info@adverta.co.za of pos jou inligting en 'n kort CV aan Bosveld Bries, Posbus 1886 Naboomspruit 0560.

Distribution

Please pass this newsletter and the competition info on to as many of your friends and family (and Bushveld friends) as possible. Or send their e-mail addresses to us. You can also enter the competition on the website www.adverta.co.za



New organisation to promote nature conservation and environmental education.

After a series of founding public meetings from 15 January to 13 February 2007, Impact on Nature was established as a new nature, wildlife and environment protection and education organisation. It is now in the process of registering as a Public Benefit Organisation, which will allow it to raise funds from the public to further its cause.

The objectives of Impact on Nature, according to Section 5 of its constitution, are to facilitate the protection and sustainable development of South Africa's wildlife, nature and the environment in general, and to facilitate wildlife, nature and environmental training.



During the inaugural meeting Herman van Niekerk, well-known nature conservationist and author of various books and publications, including a new regional guide on the Birds of the Bushveld co-authored with S C Kidson, has been elected as interim Chairman.

According to Herman the list of applications for funding and help is growing daily, illustrating the limitations in government's funding of nature related activities. Requests include funding for diesel for Nylsvley, weed and grass control along game reserve fences, transport for the handicapped to nature educational facilities, contributing to the printing cost of nature publications, the training of field guides and even the training of taxidermists for our foremost museums! The list is endless.

**News
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The slogan of Impact on Nature is "Nature first, Man Last" and emphasises the importance of nature as the only available source of sustaining man's life on earth. Without a healthy environment, man will perish! Therefore nature conservation is priority number one!

The public and corporate entities can join Impact on Nature as members, or make donations available to it.

Join or donate now!

Individual members can join at R60 per annum and corporate members at R1000 per annum. Donations are welcome. All donations will be transferred to a Capital fund of which only the interest will be used for funding operational costs.

Contact us now!

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U is welkom om in Afrikaans met ons te skakel. Aangesien baie van ons vriende in die buiteland is, is ons openbare kommunikasie om praktiese redes meestal Engels.