



# NGWENYA LODGE

SHAREHOLDER  
NEWSLETTER  
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## Dear Valued Ngwenya Shareholder

It feels like only yesterday that Santa was doing a roundabout at the Resort and that we were dancing and singing, to joyfully celebrate the end of another great year at Ngwenya Lodge. Yet here we are – we have enjoyed the cupcakes, puffed-rice treats and a delicious romantic Valentine's Dinner, celebrated the awards Ngwenya received at the RCI OSCAS, hunted for Easter eggs, spoilt mom ("the bomb") for Mother's Day and more. Ngwenya has truly shone bright like a diamond in the first half of 2017. Imagine the possibilities that the rest of the year could hold! For now, let's get into the latest happenings at your "Diamond at the Kruger".

## CREATING THE ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERLASTING HOLIDAY MEMORIES



Your Managing Agent, VRS, is a member of Uni-Vision and as such, embraces the Vision of **"Creating the Environment for Everlasting Holiday Memories"** wholeheartedly. That's why your Ngwenya Lodge Team is all about creating an environment where you and your family can make unforgettable memories and we aim to do that through on-going hard work and dedication and continually challenging ourselves to create and innovate.



Speaking of the hard work and dedication of our staff... some say "shine bright like a diamond", "diamonds are forever" and "be like a diamond precious and rare, not like a stone found everywhere". We believe that our wonderful on-site and off-site teams are a huge part of why Ngwenya shines bright like a diamond, remains in guests' hearts (forever) and is so precious and rare. Couple our awesome team, with the beautiful views and matchless position overlooking the river and the Kruger and great accommodation – and it is no wonder Ngwenya is fondly known as the "Diamond at the Kruger".

**And RCI agrees! At this year's annual RCI OSCAS, Ngwenya once again stole the show. Not only did Ngwenya Lodge win a Diamond Award, but our very own Resort Manager, Diederik Herholdt, did too.**

These are incredible achievements because Diamond Awards are extremely rare! It means that for three consecutive years, Ngwenya won Top Gold Crown Resort AND as the Resort Manager under which Ngwenya achieved this, Diederik was awarded a Diamond Award too. With Gold Crown status being the highest grading a Resort can achieve, the fact that we have been selected as the best-of-the-best for three years running, is extraordinary, amazing and something that we can always cherish. Congratulations, applause, standing ovation and hearty handshakes should go to the Ngwenya Team (on- and off-site).



**As much as we are pleased with these achievements and recognise what a great honour these are, we don't do what we do, for awards and recognition. No, we do it all for you – our cherished shareholders.** We love seeing you smile! Whether you are smiling at the little ones having fun during the numerous activities we host (from t-shirt painting, to vintage sports); or beaming while you watch various animals drinking from, wandering along or lazing on the banks of the Crocodile River; while you enjoy a cold one and a delicious pizza or dish, at the Le Fera Restaurant deck. We love seeing you pose for family photos and how you bemoan the family clown for, once again, pulling faces at the camera. We love seeing you walk hand-in-hand with loved ones to the hides or around the Resort grounds, and the way you interact with our staff. It's for reasons like these that we aim to be the best (year-after-year) and be your "diamond" treasure in the bushveld for years to come. **With all this top of mind, allow us to expand on the latest happenings at your home-away-from-home.**



The Ngwenya Lodge Mascot, Ubhejani

## YOUR DIAMOND'S ON THE DOUBLE REPORT



Throughout last year and at the start of 2017, South Africa (including Ngwenya Lodge) struggled with the adverse effects of the drought. Unfortunately, this drought also negatively affected the Ngwenya Lodge gardens. So to make sure our grounds look great, despite the lack of rain, we established succulent gardens all over the Resort; succulents are amazingly hardy plants that are able to withstand extreme weather conditions. Little did we know at the time however, that within the first few months of the year, we would be blessed with such abundant rainfall! Either way – guests love the succulent gardens. And we are all extremely grateful for the rain.

On the topic of extreme conditions – **Ngwenya had a visit earlier this year from Tropical Storm Dineo.** Luckily her visit didn't damage any of your home-away-from-home units, but she did do a little damage to the gardens and grounds. To ensure that we are prepared if we have similar visitors in the future, we have added rainwater channels and trenches and in this way the grounds, gardens and units are protected to the best extent possible. You may remember in the previous newsletter that we mentioned the progressive work on the sumps. We can now happily inform you that all sumps have been renovated, upgraded and are running at optimal levels.

## Moving on from the weather and sumps to FUN DAY TIMES!

We have decided to really focus on the Resort's recreational facilities and programmes this year, which ties in with the vision of ensuring you create everlasting holiday memories with us. So what's new? Well first off the Games Room, has been painted and looking great. On the topic of paint and looking great, the pools have also been touched up and painted. The trampolines have received some TLC. And last, but certainly not least – **Ngwenya is pleased to announce a brand new entertainment programme, suitable for the whole family!** A bonus is that we have wonderful prizes.

One of our Ngwenya guest favourites is still the Weekly Resort Braai. This time-honoured tradition is the perfect way to bask in the beautiful lowveld surrounds, get to know your "neighbours" and connect with us. We hope you join us the next time you stay with us. Don't forget to book when you check-in – due to popular demand, space is limited!





Guest Valentine's Treats



Some of our younger guests with their prizes



New Year's Dance



The younger guests love the new "Greet Your Friends" initiative started by Ngwenya.

We understand that the kids make lots of friends during their stay with us... friendships that solidify as the years go by. We thought why not give all the friends the opportunity to say goodbye and play together one last time, before their journeys home and until the next time they spend time together at Ngwenya. So, on departure day, we host a "Greet Your Friends" and give all the little guests the opportunity to say their "farewells", "see you soon" and create just a few more memories to cherish.

## SOMETHING YUMMY FOR YOUR TUMMY!

Le Fera Restaurant had such a successful run with the Mom's Night Off Campaign that ran on Tuesday evenings during April and May of this year! So much so that we decided to continue the campaign! If you missed it or have no idea what the campaign entails – we basically treat mom and dad to a delicious three course meal on a Tuesday night, at a set price, while we look after the kids – keeping them occupied with lots of fun, yummy food and good times. With guests loving this as much as they do, we decided that we will continue to find ways to offer our diners great value for money and fantastic experiences at Le Fera Restaurant... **don't forget to check out Le Fera Restaurant the next time you visit.** This way you won't miss out on Mom's Night Off or anything fun, delicious and affordable!

## NGWENYA'S SECRET FAMILY RECIPE – SAUSAGE PASTA BAKE

We thought we'd share this Ngwenya family favourite recipe. Let the yumminess begin!



### What You Need?

- ✂ 3 cloves of garlic
- ✂ 50 g mature cheddar cheese
- ✂ 50 g stale bread
- ✂ 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- ✂ Pinch of sea salt and black pepper
- ✂ Olive oil
- ✂ 4 pork/beef sausages (V: vegetarian/meatless meatball)
- ✂ 1 pinch of dried chilli flakes
- ✂ 3 x 400 g tins of chopped tomatoes
- ✂ 400 g dried penne

### How Do You Make This Yumminess?

- 1) Preheat the oven to 200°C.
- 2) Peel and finely dice the garlic; grate the cheese and tear the stale bread into small pieces.
- 3) Place the breadcrumbs into a bowl; add one of the diced garlic cloves, a generous pinch of the oregano, the grated cheese and a pinch of salt and black pepper. Drizzle with a little oil and mix it all together. Set aside.
- 4) Pop the sausages out of their skins; roll each into 4 balls and place in an ovenproof dish. Sprinkle over a little oil and roll to coat. Bake in the oven for about 10 minutes, or until golden and cooked through.
- 5) In a pan, heat a dash of oil over a medium heat. Add the remaining garlic, oregano, and the chilli flakes. Stir, until the garlic colours. Then add in the tomatoes. Add a pinch of salt and pepper. Once boiled, reduce the heat and simmer for 10 minutes – stirring occasionally.
- 6) Cook the penne according to the packet instructions. Take it off the heat two minutes before the end (must be al dente). Drain and spoon into a large ovenproof dish. Tip the meatballs in, drizzle over the sauce and mix well. Scatter over the cheese-crumbs mix and bake for 15 minutes, or until golden on top and bubbling. And then enjoy!



# HOME IS WHERE THE STORY BEGINS



**Tell us why you love Ngwenya Lodge! What are the best things about the Resort? What do you love the most?** Tell us your Ngwenya story and you could be featured in the December and future newsletters. Email us your stories and/or pictures to [yourResortstory@oaks.co.za](mailto:yourResortstory@oaks.co.za)

**The most treasured heirlooms are the sweet memories a family make together; at Ngwenya we are privileged to be part of your most treasured moments, memories and “heirlooms”.**

We love that we are your annual tradition, where your loved ones come together and celebrate what is really important in life – each other. You work incredibly hard each year and deserve to take a break for your health, wealth and well-being. We look forward to your next visit!



## IMPORTANT NOTICES

**Levy payments:** Levies must be paid in terms of the Use Agreement and no occupation or usage of any form is allowable until the levies have been paid. (This applies to usage, spacebanking, renting etc. of the timeshare week.)

**Spacebanking and rentals:** Please note that a request for spacebanking or rental, must be submitted to Property Admin a minimum of five months prior to the occupation date, to enable us to process them. Please contact Property Admin at: [propertyadmin@oaks.co.za](mailto:propertyadmin@oaks.co.za).

**Occupation dates:** Please note that resort calendars are linked to school holidays, and it is therefore vital that you check the annual calendar to ensure that you occupy the correct week. Please refer to the 2018 calendar available on the following link:

<http://www.ngwenya.co.za/media/NgwenyaLodgeCalendar2018-Module.pdf>

## UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN – NEVER GOODBYE

**We may have come to the end of this newsletter but instead of saying “goodbye”, we are going to say “until we meet again” and “see you soon”.** It’s been a spectacular first half of the year – we hope the rest of 2017 is an absolute blessing to you! Take care and seeing that “diamond” is currently a big topic at Ngwenya, we would advise you to be like a diamond; even the word “diamond” originates from the Greek word “adomas” meaning “unconquerable” and “indestructible”.

Warm regards

*Marjorie Forssman*

VRS Managing Director



*We would like to use this opportunity to thank and acknowledge the photographer of our previous edition’s delightful cover photo of the young elephants playing, Peter Taylor.*



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# NGWENYA LODGE ANIMAL SIGHTINGS / DIER WAARNEMEINGS 2017

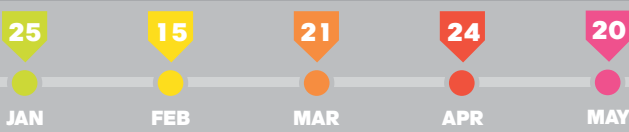
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**WATERBUCK / WATERBOK**




**CROCODILE / KROKODIL**




**WARTHOG / VLAKVARK**




**GROUND HORNBILL / BROMVOËL**




**MARTIAL EAGLE / BREËKOPAREND**




**AFRICAN SCOPS OWL / SKOPSUIL**




**HYENA / HIËNA**




**KUDU / KOEDOE**




**CLAWLESS OTTER / GROOTOTTER**




	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
African Pied Wagtail / Bontkwikkie	5	4	5	5	5							
African Spoonbill / Lepelaar	1	1	1	1	1							
Arrow-marked Babbler / Pylvekkatlagter	14	12	14	14	11							
Baboon / Bobbejaan	2	4	2	2	2							
Bateleur / Berghaan	3	0	3	3	3							
Bats / Vlermuise	45	60	41	48	39							
Bee-eater (Various) / Byvreter	10	11	10	10	10							
Black-backed PuffBack / Sneeubal	6	3	6	6	6							
Black-headed Oriole / Swartkopwieliewaal	7	4	7	7	7							
Blacksmith Lapwing / Bontkiewiet	13	12	13	13	9							
Brown Snake Eagle / Bruinslangarend	1	2	1	1	1							
Brown-headed Parrot / Bruinkoppapegaai	1	2	1	1	1							
Burchells Coucal / Gewone Vleiloerie	3	4	3	3	3							
Bushbuck / Bosbok	2	4	2	2	2							
Cape Turtle Dove / Gewone Tortelduif	21	18	18	21	18							
Chinspot Batis / Williesbosbontrokkie	2	1	2	2	2							
Comb Duck / Knobbeleend	3	5	3	3	3							
Crested Francolin / Bospatrys	12	10	12	11	9							
Dark-Capped Bulbul / Swartoogtiptol	11	10	11	11	11							
Egyptian Goose / Kolgans	30	28	26	30	30							
African Fish Eagle / Visarend	1	4	1	1	1							
Fork-tailed Drongo / Miksterbyvanger	13	12	14	15	13							
Genet (Spotted) / Muskeljaatkat	1	0	1	1	1							
Great Cane Rat / Grootrietrot	0	0	0	0	0							
Grey Heron / Bloureier	1	4	1	1	1							
Grey Turaco (Go-Away) / Kwêvoël	3	6	3	3	3							
Hadeda Ibis / Hadeda	15	16	15	15	11							
Hamerkop	4	5	4	4	4							
Helmeted Guineafowl / Gewone Tarentaal	14	13	12	15	14							
Hornbill (Various) / Bromvoël	2	3	2	2	2							
Impala / Rooibok	35	32	34	30	35							
Kingfishers (Various) / Visvanger	22	20	19	24	15							
Marabou Stork / Maroeba	3	4	3	3	3							
Mongoose (Various) / Muishond	0	1	0	0	0							
Natal Francolin / Natalse Fisant	1	1	1	1	1							
Pied Crow / Witborskraai	2	4	2	2	2							
Purple Crested Turaco / Bloukuifloerie	6	4	6	6	1							
Purple Heron / Rooireier	1	0	1	1	6							
Rock Dove / Tuinduif	6	5	6	6	1							
Saddle-billed Stork / Saalbekoolevaar	1	4	1	1	1							
Scrub Hare / Kolhaas	1	2	1	1	8							
Snake (Various) / Slang	8	4	9	8	8							
Speckled Pigeon / Kransduif	8	7	8	8	12							
Sunbird (Various) / Suikerbekkie	15	16	15	15	2							
Tortoise / Skilpad	2	5	2	2	6							
Vervet Monkey / Blou aap	1	5	1	1	1							
Vultures (Various) / Aas voëls	7	5	7	7	7							
Water Monitor / Likkewaan	15	12	15	18	11							
Weavers (Various) / Wewer	33	30	32	32	23							
White-browed Robin Chat / Heuglinse Janfrederik	22	20	22	21	19							
Wooly-necked Stork / Wolnekoolevaar	4	1	4	4	4							