



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011



## Trails & Tribulations...

Hi there enthusiasts,

Well the end of September came and went, and Spring is a reality. They say Spring brings change, and in my life it certainly did. WE MOVED HOUSE, while renovating!!! They say that after death and divorce, moving house is one of the most traumatic experiences one can have!!! Well no comment, except that it has been challenging indeed. But its over. The good thing is that my connectivity to the outside world has been restored, and there, thanks for being patient. The E-Zine is finally delivered.

I will also be moving the delivery of the E-Zine to a more automated process during the next few weeks / months. You will be notified of the E-Zine's availability through a single email, and then get redirected to the web site location where it is stored for perusal or download. This should remove any unwanted clutter in readers emails, stop the 'blockages' by the email engines, and ensure that you are kept up to date with the ever popular E-Zine. Thanks for all the great comments I get re this medium. Yes it is a big effort to compile from all the sources I receive info from, but hopefully the content I select and distribute is topical, adds value and enjoyed.

First rains have come, and boy did the give us a show. We recorded over 45mm here at the new house in Centurion. But let's think of those poor people who had to face those damning tornadoes in the south of Johannesburg. Vicious. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them.

Yes, it is evident that the formalised Driver Certification Competency process is starting to gain momentum as the different documents get tabled, and the clarity of the future off-road situation becomes clearer. I was privileged to be the first person to be issued the Statement of Results (the actual qualification confirmation) from the TETA SETA, through the process I followed, and another 200+ competent drivers who have succeeded in this process, will now be receiving theirs too soon. If you are interested in receiving high quality, professional and proper level 1 or Level 2 training, send an email to [isibonela@mweb.co.za](mailto:isibonela@mweb.co.za) for further information. We are training nearly 2 weekends a month now. This will contribute to you being a better off-roader and turn the industry positive with well educated 4x4 drivers moving forward.

Ridiculous price increases in Botswana are looking again. When will this stop. But on the positive side, with all the cross border issues, we should explore our country more! There is so much on offer. This was very evident again at an excellent GETAWAY show held recently at the Coca Cola Dome in Randburg. I really enjoyed the buzz of the show this year.

Rhino Poaching just seems to have no end. And it seems we cannot counter it quick enough. Please support all the initiatives that are credible. We have to ensure we stop this madness. This

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000

© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

madness has even flowed over to Namibia, where poachers targeted the famous desert elephants in the Purros district, ashamedly killing one! Madness indeed!!!

Remember that we support Cancer Day in October. Buy your bandana and wear it on the day. We need to fight the scourge and ensure that we can get on top of this dreaded disease. My club members have topped donations to approximately R10 000 recently, and we are now investigating a suitable project to support, of course combining our families, our 4x4's and our enthusiasm to make a difference. Thanks to the support of the E-Zine enthusiasts that participated in the donations at our last meeting where the wonderful Merlinda Lotter gave us a stunning rendition of her travels as a cancer sufferer, with her 4x4 through Africa, woman alone. She certainly has touched many of our lives with her courage, positivity and drive. We are involving Merlinda with the project.

Well kit is October, and sadly this newsletter goes out just after the Bokke lost to the Aussies! Well that puts an abrupt end to Springbok Fridays! Back to normal again I suppose. Many a dream shattered. But that is life.

There is a flurry of new vehicles being launched in the 4x4 market. No better place to go and view them than right now at the Johannesburg International Motor Show. Get over there and spend a good day checking out the huge displays, 4x4 vehicles, 4x4 track and all that is on offer.

Thanks for being such loyal readers and supporters. Thanks for the patience this month. We are back online and ready to swing it again! We do this with passion for you, the 4x4 and outdoor enthusiast.

A 60 page edition once again! ENJOY THE READ. Be safe!

***Yours in 4x4ing.***



**Alan Goodway (GP 1796)**  
*Editor (voluntary!)*

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

## Table of Contents

<b>Trails &amp; Tribulations...</b> .....	1
<b>Calendar of Training Events</b> .....	3
<b>Hit the Trail – NEWS, FEATURES and the REST...</b> .....	7
<b>Hit the Trail ... / ... continues</b> .....	24
<b>From the Tracks – Reader Feedback</b> .....	41
<b>Fresh from the Bush – New Products</b> .....	45
<b>The Dusty Way – Club Trips, Reports &amp; Feedbacks</b> .....	51
<b>The Trading Post – Swop, Sell or Buy</b> .....	51
<b>Medically Speaking...</b> .....	54
<b>Flat Wheel – Light Relief</b> .....	<b>Error! Bookmark not defined.</b>
<b>Preferred Suppliers - Gauteng</b> .....	56
<b>Editor:</b> .....	59

## Calendar of Training Events

Herewith find training opportunities with the 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club, and its professional associates, offered to the public. Courses only run if sufficient numbers subscribe. Errors and omissions reserved.

Date	Event	Venue
October – (2 courses) November - enquire re dates	NEW DCC Driver Training against the Unit Standards	Gauteng – enquire via email
October 7- 8- 9	4x4 Assessor Training (See details below)	Gauteng – enquire via email
19-20 November 2011	GPS Navigation & Mapping Course	Centurion

### **ASSESSOR COURSE FOR 4x4 TRAINERS / ASSESSORS – A MUST DO FOR YOU!!!!**

We offer a unique assessor training opportunity (in Gauteng), in that the facilitation of the programme is completely focused on incorporating the material of the 4x4 unit standard, into the processes looked at in the workshop. The 4x4 unit standard forms the basis of all explanations and examples, allowing for improved understanding as learners can mentally relate to the application of the material. Assistance is also provided with portfolio building, once again making use of the 4x4 unit standard as a guideline

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
 WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
 Tel: 012 541 6000



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

SAQA U/S ID: 115 753  
TITLE: Conduct outcomes based assessments  
NQF LEVEL: 5  
CREDITS: 15  
DURATION: 3 days (Friday, Saturday & Sunday – including Portfolio Completion)

### OUTCOMES:

Learners credited with this unit standard will be able to:

- \* demonstrate understanding of outcomes-based assessment
- \* prepare for assessments
- \* conduct assessments
- \* provide feedback on assessments
- \* review assessments

### COURSE CONTENT

Module 1: Understanding Outcomes –based Education and Training  
Module 2: Understanding the National Qualifications Framework  
Module 3: Assessment (from types of assessment to methods and instruments used)  
Module 4: The assessment process  
Module 5: Assessor Competence  
Module 6: Recognition of Prior Learning

DATES:  
Enquire -

R3 850, Venue TBA, all inclusive. **RSVP by:** email to [4x4offroad@mweb.co.za](mailto:4x4offroad@mweb.co.za)

-----

**WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN !!!**

***Roads to Roam  
Adventure Holidays***

***Win 6 nights at Maliba Mountain Lodge, Lesotho***

Greetings all,

As you read this, we are Roaming again, this time in Mozambique. Have spent a stunning 2 nights on the Kosi Bay Lake system, did a boat trip on the lake yesterday and bought fresh bream from a local fisherman that was caught in their traditional fish traps (the bream, not the fisherman) and last night feasted on fresh fish in foil "braai'd" on the fire.



© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

Today we are heading for the Maputo Elephant Park and Santa Maria Peninsula, hoping to do a day trip out to Inhaca Island before heading back south towards Ponta Malongane and back home.

We are running a competition for the month of October 2011 to promote our new website and expand our database. The prize is a stunning 6 night stay in the self-catering units at Maliba Mountain Lodge, <http://www.maliba-lodge.com>. There are two ways to enter:

- Have a look at the new Roads to Roam website [www.roadstoroom.co.za](http://www.roadstoroom.co.za) and subscribe to our newsletter or
- Copy and paste the paragraph below into a new email, forward to 5 friends and copy us on [info@roadstoroom.co.za](mailto:info@roadstoroom.co.za) – for each email that you send to 5 new friends, you will receive 1 entry into our draw.

“Win with Roads to Roam Adventure Holidays: click on [www.roadstoroom.co.za](http://www.roadstoroom.co.za) and subscribe to the newsletter – all names will be entered in a draw to win 6 nights at Maliba Mountain Lodge, Lesotho (T&C apply). You can get additional entries by forwarding this paragraph to five friends and copy [info@roadstoroom.co.za](mailto:info@roadstoroom.co.za) – for each email that you send to 5 new friends, you will receive an entry into the draw. The competition runs until 31 October 2011 and the draw will be done on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2011. Yes, we are looking at expanding our database, but we will not send unwanted emails to the your friends. It is up to them to subscribe to our newsletter to also enter our competition.”

Our tours for 2011 are listed below:

6 – 9 October 2011:	Kruger National Park Bush Camp (full)
19 – 23 Oct 2011: (Sanparks Honary Rangers)	Wilderness Birding Weekend, Garden Route, South Africa
26 – 30 Oct 2011:	Otter Trail, Garden Route, South Africa (full)
January 2012:	Mozambique (+/- 27 December to 18 January 2012)

Happy Roaming!

**Lizette Swart**  
Roads to Roam Adventure Holidays  
Cell: +27 83 22 631 22  
Email: [info@roadstoroom.co.za](mailto:info@roadstoroom.co.za)  
FB: <http://www.facebook.com/roads.toroam>  
Web: [www.roadstoroom.co.za](http://www.roadstoroom.co.za)

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000

© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

SEPTEMBER 2011

# DON'T MISS THE CAPESTORM SALE 28 SEPTEMBER TO 16 OCTOBER

HIKING GEAR | WINTER WEAR | CYCLING | RUNNING GEAR  
LEISURE WEAR | FOOTWEAR | ACCESSORIES

ALSO STAND A CHANCE TO WIN A R1000 CAPESTORM VOUCHER. SEE IN-STORE FOR DETAILS.



[WWW.CAPESTORM.CO.ZA](http://WWW.CAPESTORM.CO.ZA)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLY

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
 WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
 Tel: 012 541 6000

© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

---

## ***Hit the Trail – NEWS, FEATURES and the REST...***

### **DRIVER COMPETENCY CERTIFICATION - HAS IT BECOME REALITY?**

**Unit Standard 254135 - Apply the techniques for operating four wheel drive (4 WD) vehicles, in on-road and off-road conditions.**

The Training Connection Team is proud to announce that the long awaited Statements of Results (***THE MOST IMPORTANT PIECE OF PAPER IN THE PROCESS! Ed***) have finally been issued by TETA. We are currently distributing over 200 Statements of Results for our first year's group of drivers.

The reason for this delay is a result of the breakdown of the TETA IT System during May last year. Ever since, TETA has not been able to issue any of the formal documentation. Their computer generated numbering system used to generate official numbers for Statement of Results, as well as Assessor and Moderator accreditation numbers, has not been functional. It is expected that these systems will be up and running at full speed in the near future.

#### **How to now get the DCC?**

The Training Connection will inform all its formally qualified learners in the next month of the procedure to be followed to obtain the formal DCC (Driver Competency Certificate), which will be issued in the form of a laminated card (credit card size).

**Further information regarding this, will follow in the next issue of this e-zine.**

Anyone with questions and queries concerning the DCC, or the training and assessment process, is welcome to contact us on [info@thetrainingconnection.co.za](mailto:info@thetrainingconnection.co.za).

Accredited Driver Training on both Unit Standards can be booked or enquired about from Isibonela Adventures on [isibonela@mweb.co.za](mailto:isibonela@mweb.co.za) – individual, group or corporate / company training done at excellent training venues across Gauteng.

### **HALFWAY TOYOTA HONEYDEW – THE HOME OF THE LAND CRUISER**

Halfway Toyota Honeydew is located on the corner of Northumberland Drive and Olievenhout Avenue in Northriding and is one of two dealerships within the Halfway Group in Gauteng. The dealership has been well known in the area for many years (as Honeydew Toyota) and has been part of the Halfway Group since 2008 – in July 2011 it was rebranded under the Halfway livery!

At Halfway Toyota Honeydew, we offer the full range of services that you would expect from a Toyota dealership and more! We are well known amongst the 4x4 community and you may also know us as the 'Home of the Land Cruiser'! Our sales department consists of both new cars and Automark, and we also boast a large and well run workshop and parts department all of which are open on a Saturday. Service bookings for a Saturday are essential. We have a 4x4 track on the premises where you can test the capabilities of your vehicle of choice before making that final

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000

© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

purchase. We also offer accompanied 4x4 trips to Lesotho, Botswana and Mozambique and 4x4 driver training on set dates throughout the year.

A few minutes away from the dealership is our RV Centre where most of our accessories are fitted to the vehicle of your choice. The RV Centre also specializes in game viewing vehicle conversions. We have experts who can advise and recommended accessories for your vehicle and for your needs. And located on the same premises as the RV Centre we have a Toyota and insurance approved panel shop.

At Halfway Toyota Honeydew you will receive the best service and attention from any Toyota dealer and we aim to make your most important vehicle purchase or service/repair a memorable one!

Please call us on 011 801 6500 or you can find us at 56 Olievenhout Ave, Northriding. Our web address is [www.halfwayhoneydew.co.za](http://www.halfwayhoneydew.co.za)

### **AAWDC TACKLES ATLANTIS DUNES ISSUE**

Fellow 4x4 members

This communiqué outlines recent developments that are of interest to all our members. **ATLANTIS DUNES: Proposed Changes by City of Cape Town regarding Atlantis Dunes Management Authority, Zoning & proposed Draft Management Plan.**

When the AAWDC started off initially, one of the main objectives was to liaise with any person, body or authority for the purpose of achieving the main objective of the Association, being to promote and support the activities and interests of all-wheel drive clubs in Southern Africa. Over the past few years the AAWDC played a significant role in the National Off-Road Workgroup in liaising with Government to maintain our off-road passion in a responsible manner.

We now have yet again an excellent opportunity to participate and liaise with local authority in the Western Cape on the use and management of the Atlantis Dunes. Atlantis Dunes, outside Cape Town, have a long and established history with the off-road sector. It is an incredible important local off-road venue both for recreational driving / riding, commercial off-road training as well as guiding and tourism activities. The very unique "sense of place", the open dunes, the relative freedom to drive / ride endeared this venue to the off-road enthusiast, off-road trainer and tour operator for many years.

The City of Cape Town currently considers a number of changes to Atlantis Dunes, which could include *inter alia* the following:

- Change of management authority;
- Declaration of Atlantis Dunes as a Contract Nature Reserve;
- A Draft Management Plan for Atlantis Dunes, which include a zoning map, to effect management principles of a Contract Nature Reserve.

These possible changes raised some reason for concern for local off-road users and enthusiasts as well as a wide variety of other users of the area. With the legal base of the recent draft Norms and Standards at our disposal, the AAWDC, and others, have joined with NOW yet again as an industry and are proposing an action plan to secure the long term use of the Atlantis Dunes to the Off-Road driver / rider, trainer and tour operator.



© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

The proposed action plan includes the following:

- To establish an Atlantis Dunes Off-Road Committee to address the current issues and challenges re Atlantis Dunes;
- To partner and constructively work together with the other users of Atlantis Dunes (including sand boarders, film production companies, etc) to collectively address the proposed changes that can negatively impact on our interests;
- To be recognized by the City of Cape Town as the key stakeholder representing off-road users locally;
- To provide communications through-out the process and to keep stakeholders / media updated with the latest information available to prevent unnecessary rumours.

To start the process, a round table discussion is proposed in the near future and the detail thereof will be communicated widely. The AAWDC Cape is going to be the AAWDC's representative for this project and will serve on the Atlantis Dunes Off-Road Committee as well. We wish them the best of luck and wisdom in making this project work and we know that the Atlantis Dunes are close to their hearts – more reason to make it work. We are aware that this project might be a groundbreaking pilot project for other such areas, if needed, in the future. If you have appropriate expertise in this field please offer your service to Fred Bartens – AAWDC Cape Chairman.  
Jakob Jordaan - Chairman

### **ORRA – 3rd VHF FREQUENCY ON ITS WAY!**

ORRA's main objective is to manage a legal set of dedicated licensed frequencies and licensing within the membership base of the AAWDC. In this regard ORRA has been quite successful for many years.

As the radio frequency usage has increased based on the membership drive within clubs and the AAWDC as a whole, we have seen a requirement to introduce VHF frequencies alongside the ever popular 29mHz frequencies previously allocated to ORRA by ICASA. This decision saw a rapid growth in the number of users, so much so, that ORRA had to apply for a new VHF frequency a year or so ago. This also rapidly expanded leading to ORRA recently acquiring a 3rd VHF frequency.

ORRA wishes to notify all its paid-up members of the following facts via this communiqué:

- The usage of the 3 legal 29mHz frequencies are still encouraged and available.
- The usage of the 152.xxx VHF frequency used by ORRA members will no longer be available for club communication with effect from 1 January 2012. This will now be reserved for an 'event / emergency' channel for organised events and communication at all AAWDC / ORRA sanctioned events.
- Two (2) standardised VHF frequencies will now be introduced by ORRA in the 162.xxx range, with a pre-set tone number. This will allow ORRA users to have access to 2 legal VHF frequencies much closer in range, therefore making their usage a lot easier, especially with regard to the tuning of aerials etc.

ORRA will be looking at applying these frequencies across the board, with effect from 1 January 2012. This gives everybody ample time to cut over and reprogram transmitters accordingly. The



© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

protocol to gain access to these new frequencies will be via your club's Radio Officer / ORRA Representative.

NO DETAILS WILL BE SUPPLIED BY ORRA PERSONNEL. It will also be the club radio officer / club membership officer's responsibility to ensure that all licensed frequencies issued to members, are issued to **paid up** ORRA members only.

In an attempt to further protect the unique ORRA frequencies issued, ORRA has embarked on a 3 tier educational process. These are the following:

- The announcements made in this Communiqué
- The creation of an educational brochure now available through your club's radio officer, issued by
- ORRA, at no charge
- The education of 'Associated Registered ORRA Radio Dealers'

To protect you, the ORRA member, ORRA is now enlisting reputable, ICASA registered radio dealers, through a formal process. These dealers will apply for 'association' with ORRA, and will then be listed on the ORRA website. They will all sign an agreement aligning themselves with the ORRA code of conduct with regard to radio / transmitter sales, support and programming. This is to avoid non ORRA members using the frequencies assigned to ORRA for exclusive use by our members. We have seen what 'interference' we had on the 152.xxx frequency by security companies.

For more details on these initiatives, frequency swop-over and other related issues, please make sure you contact your club's Radio Officer, who is fully briefed and up to speed on the current situation. Until we meet again, happy off-roading!!

### **HEKPOORT 4x4 DAY - 15 & 16 OCTOBER 2011**

Hekpoort Primary is hosting their annual 4x4 family weekend.

**Saturday 15 October** drivers and their 4x4 vehicles will show their driving skills on our extreme 4x4 course. Tasty food will be available. We invite the whole family as there is ample to do and enjoy. Safe overnight campsites with ablution available @ only R100 per stand (max 4 persons) R50 per person extra!

**Sunday 16 October** This will be the last time we do the Sunday route in this format. Thus we are going to make it a special one and only 40 vehicles will be accommodated on Sunday. Advance booking essential to avoid disappointment. We will also serve a proper "boere breakfast" with lekker home made bread.

### *FREE COMPETITION/CHALLENGE to Clubs/Vehicles!!!!*

The score of 5 Vehicles from a club or team will be added together to get an average. This way a winning club/team will be determined. Clubs/teams (eg. TOYOTA vs LANDROVER or Brits Club vs Randfontein Club) can challenge each other! There's no entry fee!!!

### **COST:**

Competition: R250 entry fee per vehicle (Driver and navigator –gate entry included)  
Spectators: Only R20 per adult / Children R10





Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

Sunday route: R200 per vehicle (2 food vouchers included)  
R30 pp extra

**CONTACT:**

Alex 082 561 6300 / Jaco 082 854 5422

**NEED A MECHANICAL SERVICE IN CENTURION (MITSUBISHI & TOYOTA OWNERS!!!)**

Many old Mitsubishi Customers from Centurion, and then of late from Midrand will remember the friendly service of Freek Blignaut, mechanic & service advisor. Well Freek and Freek Jnr have now started their own workshop for Mitsubishi's, Toyota's and any other makes of vehicles, right here in Centurion, just off Botha Avenue.

Pop in for friendly service, advise or just to say hi! The rates are good, and the service is great.  
*(I now have my Pajero serviced at MITSPRO! Ed.)*

**MITSPRO SERVICING** - Freek Blignaut - Tel: 012 644 2888 / Cell; 083 543 6406

**A-MAZE-ING FUN FOR YOUR YEAR END BASH?**

Thank you all for your support this year. It has been a good year for us, so far, with all parts of our business having shown solid growth off the recessionary levels of 2009 and 2010. For this we are delighted and grateful!

We are now in the last quarter of the year and we, like you, are all getting our plans together for the crazy run up to the Festive Season break. Early bookings are hinting at a very busy period at the maze for October, November and December so get your planning/thinking caps on and come and have fun at the maze.

If you, or anyone you know, are planning an event during the next 3 months, whether it is a weekend party, school outing, youth group, team-build or company year-end event or fun day, please bear us in mind. Every year we end up 'sold out' on key dates during this season – like Friday afternoons – and we sadly end up turning away events, so it is important to book early to avoid disappointment. Chat to us and we will do what we can to make your event memorable.

Our scheduled Moonlight Maze dates for the rest of 2011 : Saturdays - October 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> (Halloween) November 12<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup> . We are happy to open up other dates for moonlight mazes if you think you are going to have at least 30 people.

Please book early for Halloween, as numbers are limited and bookings are already coming in!

We have almost finished our concept design for next year's maize maze and our theme is "**Underground**" with the field design imitating a multi-level underground mine. We will tell you more at the end of the year once we have our themed quiz sorted and, as always, we plan to operate this attraction February to May 2012. Any information, advice, ideas are welcome!

Schools – please get your bookings in early for 2012!!

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

We do have a Facebook page, see link below, and we do update it regularly with photographs taken at our events. Hope to see you all at the maze one day soon. As always, word of mouth is our best advertising, so please pass this on to your friends and work colleagues.

Regards

Peter and Judy

Mobile: 073 795 2174 / Fax: 086-5549015

[www.honeydewmazes.co.za](http://www.honeydewmazes.co.za)

*'Where getting lost is half the fun!'*

### **BOTSWANA PARKS FULL FOR 2012 HIGH SEASON!!!!**

From Brenda McKenzie: For **most** of June/July 2012, campsites are fully booked already along the popular Moremi-Savute-Chobe route!

Regards,

Robbie - Maun Self Drive 4x4

<http://www.maunselfdrive4x4.com/>

### **WEBCAM NEWS**

The WebCam at Tembe Elephant Park has been upgraded to a high quality digital camera resulting in a much clearer picture. **The camera is now visible 24 hours a day since the installation of infra red night vision lighting.**

The largest Tuskers in Southern Africa: "Isilo" & "Mkadebona" are regular visitors to the waterhole along with rhino, lion, and many other species. To view them live go to :-

<http://www.tembe.co.za/webcam.htm>

"ISILO" the Elephant - Isilo is the largest living Tusker in Southern Africa and has his own FaceBook page, so join him on

<http://www.facebook.com/?ref=logo#!/pages/Isilo-the-elephant-of-Tembe/125162910844554>

### **ALL-NEW ISUZU KB UNVEILED**

October 7 2011 at 11:25am by Motoring staff (IOL)

Just yesterday, at its Joburg motor show press conference, a GMSA spokesperson hinted at the next Isuzu KB bakkie range. Although no details or pictures were supplied, we did find out that the new bakkie range would be built in South Africa for local consumption and export to sub-Saharan Africa and that a wide range of models will be offered.

Less than a day later, we've come across the first official pictures and information on this all new KB, which has just been unveiled in Thailand. Ignore that silly 'D-Max' name on the number plates - that's what they call it in that part of the world. GMSA has since confirmed that the new bakkie will be launched in South Africa during the first half of 2013.

The new Isuzu is based on the recently unveiled Chevrolet Colorado bakkie, but has unique front and rear styling and some interior modifications. This new KB looks decidedly tougher and more modern than the current one - something it needs to compete with rivals like the Amarok, Hilux and new Ranger in the hotly contested bakkie market.

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000

© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

While local specifications are still far from being confirmed, the engine range will likely mirror the Thai model, which offers the choice of three turbodiesel engines. These include two 2.5-litre units with output levels of 87kW/280Nm and 101kW/320Nm and a 3-litre that's good for 132kW/380Nm. A five-speed manual gearbox will be fitted to most models, with some offering a five-speed automatic in place of today's outdated four-speed unit.

The new range offers the usual choice between single cab, extended cab and double cab bodies and 4x2 and 4x4 drivetrains. Isuzu also claims that the body is 42 percent stiffer than before. This Isuzu also features car-like active safety features like traction control.

Choosing a new bakkie is going to be harder than ever. Which one do you have your eyes on?

### **KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD WHEN USING A GPS (STOP RATHER!!!)**

Hi Alan

The attached photo (*Eish – horrible – Ed!*) is the result of an accident that occurred on an sunny Sunday afternoon just outside Nata. Straight road, no other vehicle in sight. The driver glanced at the GPS and left the road onto the gravel. An overreaction and overcorrection brought the vehicle back onto the tar where it proceeded to flip and destroy itself. The vehicle was rented by 2 Dutch lady tourists holidaying on a self-drive trip. The driver was quite badly injured and was flown by Medi-Vac to Mill Park hospital. Fortunately she will recover as will the passenger who was more traumatized than injured.

Moral of the story: - Keep your eyes on the road ahead!

Regards

Keith Rampton – Explorer Safaris

### **MORE BOTSWANA MADNESS – A HIKE IN PARK FEES LOOMING???**

From this week's article in the Ngami Times By Norman Chandler:

Botswana appears to be pricing itself out of the international tourism market with a proposed whopping increase in fees for entry by land, river and air into the national parks. The Department of Wildlife and National Parks (DWNP) has been holding meetings with industry stakeholders over their proposals, and have run up against objections from all sides.

However, according to insiders, the DWNP is likely to go ahead with the increases and many in the industry think this could result in large-scale cancellations next year as well as crippling the lucrative 4x4 tourist influx from South Africa or Namibia. "We were told it is a proposal and that our contribution to how the park fees should be structured would be welcomed.

"It is clear they have not done any proper study. Objections made were that Botswana is an expensive destination as it is, so putting up the park fees will affect future bookings," said one participant at a meeting held at the Bocodol college in Maun last week. "The officials would also not let the industry have a copy of the proposals."

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000

© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

It is understood the proposals do not affect the privatised camping areas which have their own set of charges. Self-drive tourists into the Moremi and Chobe game reserves will have to fork out P350 per person as against the current P120 if the proposals are implemented.

Camping fees in the northern parks are set to jump from P30 to P200 per person and in the southern parks to P100. Wilderness camping will now cost P600 per person per day as against the existing P200. In the south, the fee will be P400.

Staff at lodges will be charged P500 (citizens) as against nil at present, and the residents' annual fee is proposed at P5 000.00 – a P4 000 jump.

Botswana registered cars, currently charged P10 to enter any park will cost P50 and trailers also P50, while it is proposed that foreign registered vehicles will be charged at a rate of P150, with the same amount for trailers. The biggest jump is reserved for the popular mokoro trips. The annual cost for mokoro trips has been set at P2 000 and the day rate at P25. Both categories are free at present.

The aviation sector is up in arms over the charges proposed for aircraft. A Botswana registered plane is currently able to land for free in the parks but if the proposal goes through, this will become P600 per landing, and the annual fee – which will, say insiders, cause a major hardship for air charter companies – is set to go up from the current P1 500 to P5 000.

Foreign registered aircraft are presently charged P250 per day but this is scheduled to go up to P600 per landing. "Many air charter companies will not be able to afford these fees," said one aviation expert.

### **ANOTHER 4x4 COMPETITION OPEN TO ENTHUSIASTS**

Hallo Everyone, the 4x4 Community Challenge is on it's way again.....

We need to gather all help in doing so and we need to get assistance with marshals photo's etc. etc. etc. The venue is already being selected and our ideas on the obstacles is also of such a manner that we know what to do at all ten obstacles.

What I need to find out if some of you can contact members in your clubs etc. to assist with the whole of the event and also to be able to get some additional competitors as well. I know in the past we did a whole thing of IFS/SRA challenge but this one is not the obvious choice so any vehicle may and can compete as long as they are standard production vehicles.... So we would like to see some JEEPIES there as well.

If your vehicle is not standard you will get penalties against you for all the modifications and it will be impossible to win the event. I need to know of who will be willing to assist so that I know where to knock on who's door.

Please do consider it and after the consideration please let me know as to what you can assist with. We have a roaming trophy for the first prize but will need some assistance in regards the whole spot prize as to small give away's for the event. It is always nice to get something sponsored as to where people can benefit from the whole challenge!



© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

I do hope you guys can assist in my pledge and with the assistance.

After all arrangements with the marshal assistance etc we can make the challenge public and get the dates out on to the forum for everyone to see. Myself and Wayne will also make the date and place public.

Regards

David Maritz / Wayne Harvey  
082 765 5944 / 082 565 0303

### **BIRDING WEEKEND AT OLD JOE'S KAIA – 11 to 13 November 2011**

We invite you to join us on an exciting birding weekend. Learn how to identify cisticolas and other LBJ's (little brown jobs), those drab-coloured little birds which many of us prefer to ignore!

**Ulrich Oberprieler**, well-known ornithologist and wildlife photographer will present the course and will guide birding walks in the beautiful Schoemanskloof Valley (241 listed bird species). Ulrich has co-authored four bird and mammal guides and is widely recognised for his superb wildlife courses.

**N4 Schoemanskloof Rd, Mpumalanga, South Africa**  
**Tel. 013 7333045/6 / 083 2293751**  
**[www.oldjoes.co.za](http://www.oldjoes.co.za) / [info@oldjoes.co.za](mailto:info@oldjoes.co.za)**



### **KARIBA – “ALL IN ONE” CAMPING APPLIANCES**



It all started with the **Kariba Bush Shower** almost nine years ago. Our camping gas appliances have undergone huge developments since then, and have evolved into a world leading brand of **Hot** Camp Showers which also feature a cooker, hence the “Combo” name.

Some five years ago, the Kariba design team developed and introduced the first manufactured cooker / burner to the market, which replaced the old heavy Chinese gas ring burner. Since then Kariba products have gained a reputation of quality, reliability and performance in the camping fraternity, and are well respected by the Off-Road 4x4 community for their products compact and rugged construction.

**2011** is the year that Kariba is giving our range of Kariba Combo camping appliance a facelift. All our Combo models are to be fitted with new improved heat exchangers, flame resistant hose and electronic push button flame igniters, which are powered by a single AA penlight battery, boosted by a mini generator to a spark plug. Naturally, all these new features look good, and add practical value to the product, whilst falling in line with the new requirements by the LPGSASA (Liquid petroleum gas safety association of South Africa).

**Nomad DUEL FUEL** is soon to join the pack. This new “Transformer” model is really tiny, and folds out to perform as well as other Combo models suitable for small groups and families. Weighing in at only 2.3 Kg. and powered by either LP Gas bottles or Butane/Propane gas

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

canisters, this model provides for **Hot** Showers on demand with micro adjustable temperature control, and transforms into a stove in an instant which can facilitate a 3 kg. Pot or Pan. The Nomad stove boils a liter of cold water in 3 min. 45 sec. The complete unit is supplied with "Piezo" flame igniter, shower head, 12V pump, shower hanging accessories and an off-road box which can also be used as water well. As a launch promotion, a limited quantity of **Nomad** units ordered will include a camping pot, pan and handle set **free of charge**.

Customers can get a price advantage by purchasing from **Kariba Direct** and have a chosen Kariba product delivered to their door. All enquiries are to be directed to Kariba Direct Tel: 021 511 9405 or e-mail [karibaequipment@telkomsa.net](mailto:karibaequipment@telkomsa.net). For further information, visit our web pages [www.karibaproducts.co.za](http://www.karibaproducts.co.za).

**Kariba** – Caring for the Camping & Outdoor Adventurer

### **SPEEDING IN KZN – GOING THE UK ROUTE – MOTORISTS BEWARE**

The Department of Transport, in a bid to promote road safety in our province, has expanded the average speed technology which has already been successfully introduced along certain sections of the N-3.

The latest innovation now includes the introduction of average speed enforcement along selected locations on the N-3 from Van Reenen's Pass to the Marian Hill Toll Plaza.

This new technology replaces the previous "fixed camera" sites on the N-3 which had become ineffective as motorists knew the exact site location of these fixed cameras. Motorists would slow down just before a fixed camera, pass the camera and continue speeding and in doing so, effectively avoid prosecution.

The introduction of the average speed technology now compels motorists to obey the speed limit over an extended distance, this distance could be anything from 1-100km or even more. Slowing down at these cameras serves no purpose as it is the average speed of a vehicle which is measured over a predetermined distance after the camera.

An example of the number of offenders who speed is that, on average, 1000 motorists are prosecuted daily at Van Reenen's Pass using the average speed technology.

The expansion of the average speed technology supports the initiative by the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport to clamp down on speeding by buses, mini buses and heavy motor vehicles. This new technology classifies the different classes of vehicles and no vehicle is excluded from its average speed being measured.

In addition to the above, the Department has expanded the use of ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) technology to include what we refer to as "smart road block" technology. This essentially means that traffic officers tap into the average speed cameras by means of a remote laptop computer at a location on the road side.

This technology provides for the traffic officer to identify a number of other offences apart from the average speed at which a motorist is travelling. These offences include, inter alia, the following:-

- Stolen vehicles

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

- Unlicensed vehicles
- False number plates
- Outstanding summonses
- Warrants of arrest
- Vehicles with false roadworthy certificates, etc.

It has, therefore, become critical that motorists ensure that they do not exceed the speed limit, that their vehicle is fit for use on a public road and that their credentials are in order before embarking on a journey in KwaZulu-Natal.

## **DESERT ELEPHANTS FACE UPHILL BATTLE**

By: JANA-MARI SMITH

***THE shooting of a female elephant in the Hoarusib River in the Kunene Region has alarmed conservationists and scientists about the future of the desert-dwelling jumbos.***

The poaching is being investigated by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism and the Protected Resources Unit of the Namibian Police. The carcass was found by tour guides in the Hoarusib River, four kilometres downriver from the Purros settlement, on Sunday, September 11. The deputy Director of Wildlife Management at the ministry, Colgar Sikopo, said the "investigation is a difficult one". He said at least two bullets killed the young female and it is unclear whether the motivation was self-defence or poaching.

Sources in the tourist sector claim that the elephant was found with between four and six bullet wounds. The death of the elephant comes only weeks after another female was killed by Government officials. The tuskless female was declared a problem animal following a fatal attack on a Spanish tourist at the Purros Conservancy rest camp.

A source in the tourist trade said the tragic event was not surprising. He said during this time of the year, the tourism high season, "elephants are under continuous pressure" from the large number of tourists who travel through the area. He said the particular group of elephants were "disturbed by the self-drives which caused them to get agitated". The shooting of the female sub-adult only a few weeks later has sparked concern that the drastic reduction of breeding females could permanently harm the chances of the desert elephants to thrive in the Kunene Region.

A tour guide, who preferred to remain anonymous due to the sensitive nature of the issue, said there are now only 12 or fewer breeding females left in the area. "It is hugely concerning and really puts elephant conservation back a great deal. I'm not sure it's even a viable population any longer."

Sikopo dismissed these concerns, however, and said the ministry is not worried about the "sex ratio ... right now". He said the number one concern is "the killing of an elephant in this manner". Sikopo said it is critical that the investigation continues and that a culprit is apprehended. He said there "is no reason to panic at this stage" but the ministry will keep a close eye on the area and will take action if similar illegal incidents continue.

Research published in the scientific journal [pachydermjournals.org](http://pachydermjournals.org) this year highlighted the danger a sudden decrease in breeding females could have on the Kunene desert elephants.

© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

Research showed that around 70 elephants occupied the Hoarusib River in the late 1970s. Between 1975 and 1979 the elephant population declined drastically due to poaching. By 2009, it was estimated only 14 adult female elephants remained in the Kunene Region spanning the Hoarusib and Hoanib rivers.

The researchers said due to their adaptation to desert conditions, the reproduction rates of these elephants are abnormally low for African elephants.

Between January 2002 and November 2009 only 12 calves were born to the population, of which four died within the first year. With the death of two females in the past month, the female breeding population is extremely vulnerable, and subsequently, the desert elephant population in the region too.

The report, which was published in January 2011, noted that “from a conservation perspective, at the current size and rate of increase it is doubtful that this desert sub-population will soon recover to what it was in the 1960s, prior to extensive poaching”.

The Purros Conservancy in the Kunene Region made headlines earlier this year, when three lionesses were poisoned there by unknown persons. The lionesses were the last remaining members of a unique desert-adapted lion pride.

That investigation is still ongoing and there are no indications that the ministry or the Police are close to finding out who the perpetrators were or what poison was used.

### **BOAT INCIDENT IN BOTSWANA**

Following reports of the brief but unwarranted arrest of four travellers and their guide by a Botswana patrol boat at Sedudu / Kasikile, during a cruise, Phil Patton, Managing Director of **Islands in Africa** , has provided the following information:

- Boat trips in the Chobe Channel around Sedudu, by entities and individuals of both countries, are permitted in terms of the **International Court of Justice decision in 1992**.
- A letter of complaint has been written to the CEO of Botswana Tourism by members of the party.

Boat trips are now being conducted in a Botswana registered vessel to avoid a repeat of the incident, until such time as the matter is satisfactorily resolved.

[marketing@tourbrief.com](mailto:marketing@tourbrief.com)

### **EVOQUE TEAM TO TACKLE DAKAR RALLY**

September 23 2011 by Motoring Staff (IOL)

British-based Excite Rallye Raid Team will be running a privateer team of three Range Rover Evoques in the 2012 World Rally Raid series and also in the 2013 Dakar Rally. The Evoques, specially built by RaBe Race Cars, will be driven by top British rally drivers Martin Rowe, John Hardy and Andrew Coley.

But here's the kicker: The Dakar Evoque (D4 WN5) will have a BMW three-litre turbocharged straight-six diesel, restricted by FIA T3 class regulations to 205kW and 650Nm, driving all four wheels via a ZF six-speed gearbox and high/low range transfer case.





Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

It'll have two Reiger coil-over dampers on each wheel, with BF Goodrich desert race G series tyres running on 16" Compomotive Atacama RallyRaid rims. A 280-litre fuel tank should give it enough range for the longest rally raid special stage.

Mike Jones of RaBe Race Cars said: "Developing a serious car has been as tough as the race itself. In four years of testing, the five prototypes have already competed in three Dakars - and every one of them finished!

"With this reliability and the knowledge gained from testing in Morocco, we'll be able to focus on fine-tuning the D4 WN5 production version into a very serious Dakar car."

Excite team principal and driver John Hardy agreed: "This is the best chance an independent-manufacturer team has had to perform at the top level in a long time. We're working towards a very good result on the Dakar in 2013 and then, next time around, why not shoot for overall honours?"

### **BAN ON FRESH PRODUCE FROM SOUTH AFRICA**

From Ngami Times - Edition 566 19 - 26 August 2011

A ban has been placed on the importing of various fresh produce from parts of South Africa. This follows the discovery of Asian Fruit Fly in the Limpopo region of that country. Limpopo borders on Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique.

The Botswana Ministry of Agriculture this week announced restrictions on the importation of tomatoes, citrus products, mangoes, cashew nuts, pawpaw (papaya), guavas, green peppers, watermelons, squashes, pumpkins, butter nuts, bananas, and avocado pears.

The restrictions have caused major problems for supermarkets, which this week have been scrambling to find other sources for fruit and vegetables.

According to Tshipo Moruti, the ministry's chief plant production officer, the fruit fly travels from country to country through the movement of infested fruit and vegetables. Special permits will be required for the importing of fruit regardless of quantity, all plant and plant products will only be allowed in at approved ports of entry, and travellers into Botswana will face mandatory checks at border posts and airports such as Maun, Gaborone, Kasane and Francistown.

### **HUGE FIRES RAGE IN ETOSHA!!!**

Die veldbrand wat nagenoeg 280 000 hektaar weiveld in die Etosha nasionale park verwoes het.

VRESE was ongegrond toe donderweerstoe stande gepaard met sterk winde Saterdag in die Omaruru- omgewing voorgekom het waar veldbrande reeds duisende hektaar weiding verwoes het. Op plekke het 'n ligte motreëntjie ook uitgesak. Tot gister is geen nuwe brande aangemeld nie.

Die ergste skade deur die veldvure is verlede week in die gebied tussen Omaruru en Karibib, veral oos van die teerpad, veroorsaak. Tot gister is net enkele gevalle van dierevrektes in die geteisterde gebied aangemeld. Wild en vee het ontkom deurdat boere hul grenshekke ooggemaak het sodat die lewende hawe 'n uitkoms gehad het. 'n Taamlike moeisame taak is

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000

© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

vir boere om nou weer hul vee op grensplate aan die verbrande grond op te spoor.

Die streek wat die hardste deur die veldbrande getref is, is die kommunale gebied tussen Uis, Omaruru en die Spitzkoppe. Noord van die Spitzkoppe in die rigting van Okombahe het 'n geskatte driehonderd boerbokke vrekgebrand.

Die hoofman van die Daures-kiesafdeling, hoofman Immanuël #Nu-Axa /Gaseb, het vroeër gesê op plekke het die vlamme die voordele van 'n wonderlike reënseisoen uitgewis. Boere was besig om hul kuddes ná moeilike jare op te bou toe die veldbrande weer alles kom verwoes het, het hy gesê.

ONGEVEER 280 000 hektaar weiding van Etosha nasionale park is oor die naweek deur 'n wegholveldbrand verwoes, berig Le Roux van Schalkwyk. Volgens die hoofbewaarder van die Halali gebied, mnr. Isaskar Uahoo, het die brand op die plaas Sukses, suid van die park begin waarvandaan dit deur drie plate versprei het. Die brand het Donderdag teen middernag die park se grens oorgesteek, van waar dit met behulp van 'n sterk wind, oor die park gewoed het. Uahoo voer aan hoewel voorbrande gemaak is, die wind aanvanklik te sterk was om die vuur direk te bestry.

Teen gisteroggend was die vuur, wat van die suidgrens tot by die hoofpad tussen Okaukuejo en Halali gestrek het, onder beheer en was die gebied gemonitor ingeval die veld weer begin brand.

Volgens Uahoo kon die volledige skade van die brand nog nie bepaal word nie en sal daaropvolgende patrollies die omvang van die brandskade vasstel. "Dusver weet ons van een renoster wat in die brand omgekom het en ons verwag as gevolg van die spoed van die brand, dat daar nog baie wild van klein tot groot deur die brand gedood is," het Uahoo gesê

"Ons het 'n voorbrand van 42 km gemaak, maar dit het nie gehelp nie. My hele plaas het afgebrand," het een van die plaaseienaars aan die suidgrens van die park, mnr. MC van Greunen, gesê.

Luidens Van Greunen het hy tesame met ander boere van die gebied, asook personeel van die Ministerie van die Omgewing en Toerisme, vergeefs probeer om die brand onder beheer te kry. Die brand was gister uitgewoed.

### **23-25 OCTOBER 2011 - INDABA HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTRE – FOURWAYS – JOHANNESBURG - GAUTENG**

We are pleased to announce the inaugural **Travel, Tourism & Hospitality Conference Southern Africa** which will be hosted at the **Indaba Hotel & Conference Centre** in Johannesburg, from **23 to 25 October, 2011**.

**Travel, Tourism & Hospitality Conference Southern Africa** is a joint initiative between the Tourism Business Council of South Africa (TBCSA) and five of its member associations. They are the Association of South African Travel Agents (ASATA), the Federated Hospitality Association of Southern Africa (FEDHASA), the National Accommodation Association of South Africa (NAA-SA), the South African Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association (SAVRALA) and the Southern African Tourism Services Association (SATSA).

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

Through this event we will be combining the annual conferences of the TBCSA member associations into a single platform. Although only five associations have partnered with us this year, we hope to involve more associations in the future. Furthermore, our partners in government, the National Department of Tourism will also participate.

This event is billed to be **the** central platform where members can address industry specific issues, as well as the challenges affecting the entire industry.

*The conference theme will be:*

Based on the theme “**2020 Vision for Travel and Tourism – From Strategy to Action**” - the conference will take an in-depth look at the current state of the industry and explore the role of the private sector in the implementation of the National Tourism Sector Strategy (NTSS).

Linked to the implementation of the NTSS, the conference program will cover crucial issues such as:

- **The collective management of messages about destination South Africa for domestic and international distribution;**
- **Simplifying the visa and immigration processes;**
- **The need for timely and accurate industry statistics and**
- **Making travel to and within the country easier and affordable**

**Look out for further communication on how you can participate in what promises to be the definitive platform for industry to engage, debate and plan for delivering the future!**

*Yours sincerely*

*Mmatšatši Marobe*

*Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Business Council of South Africa*

### **NEW BUSH VENUE OPENS AT MOKOPANE**

*Mark Howitt, Head: Mokopane Biodiversity Conservation Centre, NZG*

A new venue within the Mokopane Biodiversity Conservation Centre (Mokopane BCC) has been opened for family functions. The venue, known as "Diedericks' House" is located at the Gert Combrink Dam within the boundaries of the 1300 ha Biodiversity Conservation Centre in Limpopo Province.

The Service Division of NTT Toyota offered to assist with the renovation of Diedericks' House to enable the National Zoological Gardens to open a new venue in the veld, thus contributing to an ever increasing variety of open-air venues and activities available to the public when visiting the NZG's facility at Mokopane.

### **'Adopt an Enclosure' Programme**

This initiative forms part of the Mokopane BCC's "Adopt an Enclosure Programme", where individuals or companies contribute towards a selected project in consultation with Friends of the Zoo and the National Zoo. The programme is aimed at improving and developing the Centre on its way to becoming a highly valued community asset focusing on conservation, research and public interaction.



© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

"Diedericks' House" marks the spot near the dam where the first manager of the Centre, Mr Willie Diedericks and his wife stayed in their caravan during the establishment years of Mokopane from 1979 onwards. When Mr Diedericks passed away in 1985 he was buried at the Mokopane cemetery, which is bordered by the Centre.

The Gert Combrink Dam is known by the local community as the "white elephant" - it does not retain water and only receives water when the catchment area has received marginally high rainfall which results in the spring's flow. Presently the dam is receiving an inflow of spring water that has been flowing down the Dorps River into the Centre since mid-April. The river only started to flow into the dam at the end of June and the dam is now about 50-60% full.

Diedericks' House overlooks this attractive body of water, making it a great place to have an open-air function. Wildlife can be viewed at close quarters due to the placement of salt licks between the dam and the venue.

### **Facilities**

The staff of NTT Toyota's Service Division added value to the venue by not just repairing the house, water supply and barbecue area, but added a children's jungle gym, slide and swings with the assistance of engineering company "Triple G". The Management of the NZG wishes to thank NTT Toyota's Service Division and Triple G for their positive contribution and continued support.

"It is great to have such exceptional partners in working towards the development of the Centre and the protection of our environment," Dr Clifford Nxomani, Managing Director of the NZG said at the opening of the venue.

If any of our readers would like to book the facility or get involved in "Adopt an Enclosure Programme", please contact the Centre on 015 491 4314.

### **POPPY DAY CELEBRATIONS**

The National President of the South African Legion of Military Veterans, Lgr Godfrey Giles, has pleasure in inviting you to support our Military Veterans by attending the Poppy Day 11-11-11 Concert.

Please bring everyone you know that could be interested, we need you all! Pass this on to others as well. Bring your banners for both shows! Let everyone know who you are! There are special prizes during the shows as well!

The Legion wishes to create awareness for the Poppy and the Remembrance of our Fallen by presenting the Poppy Day 11-11-11 Concert featuring National Ceremonial Band, SA Irish and Transvaal Scottish Pipes and Drums, Welsh Male Voice Choir, the BATS, Code Red Drum Corps, Annabel Linder and Alet de Wet. There is also a sing a long with popular songs that we all remember.

There are two shows:

- Lunch at 12h30 to 13h30 – Grilled boerwors in tomato concasser, mashed potatoes & sautéed green peas, followed by Apple Crumbles and vanilla sauce – cost R70 (limited seating book early). There will be a sing a long as well.
- Matinee show – to be seated at 13h45 – two and a half hours with short interval. Especially for the elderly and youth. Tickets R50 and R80.

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

- Dinner at 16h30 to 17h30 - Grilled boerwors in tomato concasser, mashed potatoes & sautéed green peas, followed by Apple Crumbles and vanilla sauce – cost R70 (limited seating book early). There will be a sing a long as well.
- Evening show – to be seated at 17h45 - two and a half hours with short interval. Tickets R150 and R180.

Special block booking discount of 10% off for 20 seats or 20% off for 50 seats and more. Tickets available through the Legion –(011) 486-4533.

All organisations are requested to bring their banners so that they can be part of the opening ceremony when three wreaths will be laid in memory of our fallen. 150 children from Nkosi Haven will be attending the matinee show, by buying a ticket you are sponsoring them.

This November, it will be **11-11-11** for the first time in history! 11<sup>th</sup> November is remembered as “Armistice Day”, the end of war! This year the South African Legion of Military Veterans, “the Legion,” is putting on a Poppy Day Concert at the Lyric Theatre, Gold Reef City!

To be held on Sunday 30 October with two shows, 14h00 and 18h00. This is to create awareness amongst our citizens that we can never forget! Come and enjoy a concert and get your Poppy so that you can wear it for November in order to remember those that died for their country!

Tickets are R50 and R80 for the afternoon show – especially for the elderly and youth. This is a family outing which starts at 12h30 and finishes at 16h30. The evening show is R150 and R180 with dinner starting at 16h30 and the show finishes at 20h34 so it's not too late to start the week.

Programmes and Poppies are included in the ticket prices, anyone who would like to make a donation to the Legion so that we can assist our Military Veterans and their dependants in need are most welcome.

In the Olde World setting of the Lyric the concert opens with a Fanfare by Code Red Drum Corps, the Special Forces of drumming dressed in camouflage uniforms and beating out rhythms on their white snare drums! Then the massed Pipes and Drums of the Transvaal Scottish and SA Irish will play bringing on the multitude of Military Veteran Associations. This will be followed by a short wreath-laying ceremony – paying our respects to those who have gone to higher service. The Welsh Male Voice Choir of South Africa will sing some of our old favourites, get those toes tapping. The Military band carries on the tempo with Annabel Linder and Alet de Wet bringing us memories of bygone days, including “bush war” songs. After a short interval the BATS will really get those bodies moving bringing back memories of those jolly days. This is followed by community singing in a bar. Your chance to sing along followed by the finale played with everyone on stage. This two and a half hour show will really bring back fond memories!

Military Veteran or Regimental Association/Organisations interested in participating with their banners please contact us. The more banners, the more colourful it will be, the better! Could you support Poppy Power – collecting funds / donations for the Legion during November? If so, please let us know – tins are available with a poster. These can be placed at till points etc., so that you do not have to stand with it, but you need to speak to shop keepers as well. Business owners who are prepared to adopt the Poppy on their letterheads, advertisements and products are most welcome to contact us.



© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

For further information, contact the National Secretary, Lgr Marietta Venter:

Telephone: 011-486-4533

Fax: 086-684-8592

E-mail: [nationalsecretary@salegion.org](mailto:nationalsecretary@salegion.org)

## **EXCLUSIVE SELF-DRIVES WITH 'NAVIGATORS TOURS & SAFARIS'**

Are you looking for a unique and exclusive self-drive adventure? An experience where the emphasis is on quiet enjoyment of the wilderness in the company of like-minded people? Then a Navigators tour is for you, because we specialise in personally-guided small-group tours and safaris to remote destinations in Southern Africa.

Each tour is taken by Chris Schlimper, the owner and founder of Navigators Tours and Safaris. This means that you benefit from having an experienced, knowledgeable and professional tour leader and guide who is dedicated to service and personal attention for all guests; someone who is passionate about offering quality tours to some of Africa's unique and special destinations.

Bring your equipped 4x4 vehicle, camping equipment, accessories, food, drinks, enthusiasm and sense of adventure! For those who don't have their own 4x4 vehicle, we also offer an all-inclusive booked-seat option on many of our tours – visit our website or contact us for details. Alternatively, contact us with your own plans and travel dates, and ask us to design a tailor-made package for you.

For further details on these and other tours, e-mail us at [info@navigator4wd.co.za](mailto:info@navigator4wd.co.za). Alternatively, contact Karen at our office on **landline: +27 (0) 21 689 1825** or contact Chris on his **cell: +27 (0) 83 675 3484**.

March 2010

## ***Hit the Trail ... / ... continues***

### **BIG COUNTRY 4X4 OF COURSE!!!!**

Big Country 4x4 is a local manufacturer and exporter of a wide range of high quality, robust 4x4 and offroad accessories. Although Big Country has traditionally been a LandRover specialist, our product range has grown substantially to include Toyota and many other marques.

Our product range is extensive with well over 300 products across a wide range of accessories; Roofracks and all their accessories such as all the brackets necessary for jerrycans, gas bottles, hi-lift jacks, axes and spades.

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000

© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

Our sturdy Al camping table is a winner and can be fitted under the roofrack, we also sell rooftop tents and the fantastic Ostrich Wing Awning :

Storage systems such as drawer systems, consol box & safes, and many other types of fitted storage boxes; tip-up Rear Windows & Kitchen Boxes

Spare Wheel Carriers on swing arms and full replacement bumpers;

Protection Products such as Aluminium panels, light guards and Steering guards;

Fuel & Water tanks, jerrycans;

Dual Battery Systems and auxillary power;

Bull Bars and winches;

and other products such as Seat Covers, Fridges, lights, winches, jacking, snorkels, Glind Shower systems

We also offer a custom service where you as the customer are included in the design discussions from the word go. All design is done on Solidworks and we can email you the complete 3D model to view and comment on before manufacture starts. If you have a great idea, chances are we can make it a reality.

Our staff consists of a dedicated team of 15, and we pride ourselves on our great service and quality products.

Export comprises a large part of our business and we supply the demanding European and UK markets with many shipment containers per year. We are expanding fast into other markets – “watch this space”!

The factory is officially closed on weekends, however Richard is available most Saturday mornings for a consultation, just give him a call beforehand to confirm a time.

Please visit us at our new premises to see our superb Factory and showroom which is situated in Northlands Business Park (190 New Market Rd) 378 Olympic Duel, Northriding, contact us on 011 795 9700, or visit our website [www.bigcountry.co.za](http://www.bigcountry.co.za)

### **MALIBA MOUNTAIN LODGE**

Deep in the North of Lesotho's breathtaking Maluti / Drakensburg Mountains, the 5 Star Maliba Mountain Lodge offers a luxurious tranquil retreat set in a pristine national park. Guests can relax in one of the 6 spacious Basotho-style suites, enjoy scenic mountain vistas from private balconies and enjoy the pampering service of the friendly staff.

The main lodge features a Gourmet restaurant and bar with quiet discreet areas to relax in front of the fire places and discuss the day's events. Guests have a unique opportunity to explore the beauty of the landscape from horseback, skiing in the winter months, 4x4 trails, or hiking along the various mountain trails. Join us for an unforgettable adventure and experience the “Kingdom in the sky”.

Maliba River Lodges are self catering retreats set in a pristine wilderness valley deep in the North of Lesotho's breathtaking Maluti Drakensberg Mountains.

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

The River Lodge offers cosy and modern fully serviced accommodation and are situated right on the crystal clear waters of the Ts'ehlanyane River. It is perfect for families, groups of friends or even couples that want an affordable getaway where they can relax in peace and serenity. These chalets offer an ideal setting for 4x4 enthusiasts, birders, hikes on various mountain trails, Basotho pony treks, mountain biking and swimming in the river pools. River lodge forms part of the 5 star Maliba Mountain Lodge collection, which offers access to the gourmet restaurant, bar and conference facilities.

Nicola Gerrard | MALIBA MOUNTAIN LODGE | Email : [nicola@maliba-lodge.com](mailto:nicola@maliba-lodge.com)  
Tel : +27 (31) 702 8791 | Fax : +27 (31) 702 8776  
Websites : [www.maliba-lodge.com](http://www.maliba-lodge.com) | [www.maliba.co.za](http://www.maliba.co.za)

### **TOURISM DRAFT BILL OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

The National Department of Tourism has released the Tourism Draft Bill for public comment. The Bill provides for the continued existence of the South African Tourism Board and the establishment and publication of the National Tourism Sector Strategy.

The bill further provides for:

- The establishment of a national information and monitoring system for gathering and disseminating information for the management and development of the industry, including the monitoring and evaluation of the industry for decision making
- The establishment and maintenance of a comprehensive database of information on tourism businesses for purposes of planning and development
- The gazetting of norms and standards and to establish a Code of Conduct for different sectors within the industry
- The development and implementation of a national quality assurance and grading system
- The continued existence of the Tourism Grading Council of South Africa (TGCSA) as a juristic person to implement the grading system

The Bill is open for public comments for a period of sixty (60) days and can be found on NDT's website [www.tourism.gov.za](http://www.tourism.gov.za). Inputs and comments can be forwarded to Mmaditlonki Setwaba, Private Bag X424, Pretoria, 0001; or hand delivered to Tourism House, 17 Trevenna Street, Sunnyside, Pretoria, or Fax to: (012) 444-7101 or by email to [msetwaba@tourism.gov.za](mailto:msetwaba@tourism.gov.za) on or before October 5, 2011

Michael Tatalias  
CEO - SATSA - "SATSA means Business"  
Southern Africa Tourism Services Association  
011-886-9996 (tel) : 011-886-7557 (fax) : satsa-ceo (Skype ID)

### **MESSAGE FROM THE AMBULANCE SERVICE**

We all carry our mobile phones with names & numbers stored in its memory. If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign.

The concept of 'ICE' is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As mobile phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000

© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE' ( In Case Of Emergency). The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents there were always mobile phones with patients but they didn't know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose.

In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialling the number you have stored as 'ICE'. Please forward this.

It won't take too many 'forwards' before everybody will know about this. It really could save your life, or put a loved one's mind at rest. For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc.

PLEASE PASS THIS AROUND AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE AS THIS CAN HELP IN AN EMERGENCY

### **RADIOS – THEY MUST BE LICENSED IN ZIMBABWE**

We continue to get enquiries from self-drive visitors, usually from South Africa, asking us about the implications of using their mobile radios in Zimbabwe.

As I had to visit the regulating agency - POTRAZ - recently to renew ZIM4x4's own radio and frequency licences, I took the opportunity to ask their technical staff about the possible issue of temporary licences to visitors.

It sounded simple enough, on the surface. Just apply for a temporary licence. he said; it'll cost US\$12 per set per annum, or pro rata for three or six months. However, a little more enquiry revealed that it's not as easy as that, by a long way. Firstly, you need to download a four-megabyte form from the POTRAZ website at [http://www.potraz.gov.zw/files/PMR\\_APPLICATION\\_FORMS.pdf](http://www.potraz.gov.zw/files/PMR_APPLICATION_FORMS.pdf). This is four pages long, and you may well need your friendly local radio fundi to help you complete it.

Somehow, you then need to get the completed form, plus such items as certified copies of your national ID, to POTRAZ, along with the necessary fee. Then, it seems. they will post the licence to you (if approved) but - having had experience of the postal service between Zimbabwe and South Africa - I would't hold my breath while waiting for the thing to actually arrive.

However, they were unable to give any guidance in respect of frequencies, so it seems there is no guarantee that they will approve the particular frequency you operate on.

So it isn't just a matter of pitching up at the border and filling in a form. Maybe we need a 'willing volunteer' to try the process out, and applications are invited for this honour. I'll be happy to deliver the completed form to POTRAZ, plus the required US\$3 for a quarter's licensing for one set. Meanwhile, remember our earlier advice: using unlicensed radios in Zimbabwe is an offence, and although quite a few visitors do it, there is some risk involved.

[info@zim4x4.co.zw](mailto:info@zim4x4.co.zw)



© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

## **BREAKING NEWS**

***Cape Outdoor Expo now at the V and A Waterfront : 14 to 16 October.***

The Cape Outdoor Eco Adventure and Travel Expo taking place from Friday 14 - Sunday 16 October has moved from Bien Donne to the exciting new Lookout / Granger Bay venue at the V and A Waterfront. This venue, opposite the Greenpoint Stadium and between V and A Waterfront and Grand Beach Cafe, boasts 10 000 square meters of space with a superb Lookout venue with sea views and airconditioning will host the Tourism and Wine Tasting exhibits. A second Marquee and Outdoor areas will host outdoor accessories, 4x4's, bikes, trailers, Kids Zone, and exciting events including Drop Tower, Bungi Bullet, Extreme Bounce, Water Balls and more.

**HEART 104,9 FM** and The Cape Argus will be hosting the event and will be giving daily information on the expo from 3 October - so tune in to get updates, interviews, competitions and more - to keep in touch.

Win an exciting Cruise for two to Namibia in February 2012 with MSC Starlight Cruises - tune in to **Heart 104.9 FM**, enter through The Cape Argus and further your chances by attending the expo and entering with your ticket.

### **Dates:**

Friday - 14 October from 10h00 to 19h00

Saturday - 15 October from 09h00 to 19h00

Sunday - 16 October from 09h00 to 17h30

- Adults R50,00
- Students and Pensioners with cards R30,00
- Children 7 - 16 R15,00
- Under 7 Free (entry to the Kidz Zone for Under 7's will be R40,00 with exciting goody bags, jumping castles, and entertainment).

Watch this space for updates! More on who will be exhibiting, outrides, competitions, good food and more! Big Screen TV's and special for World Cup Rugby enthusiasts!

Please send this mail to all your outdoor enthusiast friends and relations! Click [here](#) to follow us on Facebook or contact us direct for further information or to book a stand - [shirley@outdoorexpo.co.za](mailto:shirley@outdoorexpo.co.za). Visit [www.outdoorexpo.co.za](http://www.outdoorexpo.co.za) for more details.

## **COUPLE SAFE AFTER 8000KM MAYDAY CALL**

September 22 2011 by Adam Sherwin

A retired British couple who spent the past four-and-a-half years travelling across South America in a military-style truck have been rescued after becoming trapped in a ravine in the Amazon jungle.

Lesley Norris and Bruce Scott, who are from London and in their 60s, made an 8000km Mayday call to relatives in England after a bridge they were driving across collapsed and their motor-home fell into the ravine 320 miles south-west of the nearest city, Manaus in Brazil. Trapped inside their vehicle, Norris, a former BA stewardess, raised the alarm with her brother-in-law who lives in Eastbourne, Sussex. Speaking on a satellite phone, she was able to pass on the GPS co-ordinates of their location.

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000

© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

He contacted Dover Coastguard, which alerted Falmouth Coastguard, an international liaison station. A Brazilian search-and-rescue team was dispatched to the ravine by helicopter. The couple, said to be “shaken” but unhurt, were taken to Manaus. Norris, who worked for BA for 20 years and Scott, a former professional photographer with “a passion for travel”, embarked on their South American odyssey in 2006 after selling their flat in Kensington and buying a Mercedes-Benz Unimog all-terrain van, used in jungles and deserts as a military vehicle.

They launched their expedition from Altamira on the east coast of Mexico with a plan to drive from there to Panama, ship the van to Ecuador and “drive across and down the length of South America”.

Plotting their progress on their TreadTheWorld.com blog, the most recent entry, posted last week, reported that Scott was suffering from the extreme heat as the couple headed to Manaus. Norris wrote: “We have just travelled more than 800km from the north Pantanal (tropical wetland) towards Porto Velho in the north-east (upper Amazon river basin) in the searing heat - rising to 40 degrees in the afternoon. Sleeping in the truck in this temperature has not been pleasant, and then Bruce got a cold.”

Scott is an experienced traveller who visited the Amazon in 1974 and, a year later, escorted and drove several tour groups through Africa. Norris planned to practise her Spanish while in South America. The blog refers to their “treasured” Unimog vehicle. A post reads: “This is both our transport and our home, complete with double bed and porcelain flushing toilet - what more could you want when travelling?”

Explaining the motivation for their journey, they wrote: “After working in London for the past 20 years as a photographer, Bruce] ecided to take a risk, sold his flat and invested in the Unimog. “London Transport-trained on the Routemaster double-decker, his driving skills are well up to the mark.” The entry adds: “But will he let Lesley take the helm of his beloved vehicle?”

Coastguards in Falmouth said they were “very happy” that the rescue had been successful. A spokesman said: “We are used to worldwide rescues, the unusual thing is this involved a vehicle accident.” The Foreign Office advises British travellers who are in Brazil to drive cautiously because of the poor quality of roads and reckless drivers in many rural areas. - The Independent

### **WE DRIVE TOYOTA'S THRIFTIER FORTUNER**

September 19 2011 by Motoring staff (IOL)

South Africa's most popular SUV had just been given its most significant upgrade to date and the big news is the new 2.5-litre entry-level 4x2 version that's a cool R70 000 cheaper than the next most affordable 3-litre derivative. The new engine has not taken much of a knock in the output stakes, boasting the same 343Nm torque figure and power is only down from 120kW at 3400rpm to 106kW at 3400rpm. The 2.5-litre D-4D motor is equipped with an electrically actuated variable nozzle turbo, intercooler, a common rail direct diesel injection system and double overhead cam shafts.

But does it feel like a compromise in the real world? Not according to our launch correspondent, Denis Droppa of Star Motoring: "It's no under-powered, under-specced derivative that'll make you wish you'd somehow found the extra money. I drove the new 2.5 D-4D 4x2 quite extensively on

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

its media launch in Zambia last week and it proved to be a very capable engine in terms of both performance and refinement. It cruised effortlessly, accelerated without noticeable turbo lag, and was decidedly quiet.

"The fact that this maximum twist is available from as low as 1600rpm was very apparent in the engine's easygoing nature, which required minimal revving, and suggests that it'll make a decent tow vehicle too."

"The five-speed gearshift, the only transmission available in the 2.5 D-4D, shifts smoothly and adds to the vehicle's overall relaxed driving experience," Denis concluded.

Besides the aforementioned diesel models, which will no doubt continue to be the most popular, Toyota still offers the option of its brawny 4-litre V6 petrol powerplant, which delivers 175kW at 5200rpm and 376Nm of twist at 3800rpm.

As before, the Fortuner is offered with a mix of rear-wheel drive and 4x4 models. The 4x2s still have some off-road capability though, being fitted with a lockable rear differential, while the 4x4s get a heavy duty transfer case and Torsen limited slip centre diff. Both diesel models are available with a five-speed manual gearbox, but only the 3.0 D-4D gets an automatic option (four-speed) while all versions of the 4.0 V6 are fitted with a five-speed autobox.

The new Fortuners also receive the same towing upgrade that was implemented on the new Hilux line-up, the result being that towing capacity ranges from 1715kg on the 2.5 D-4D to 2075kg on the 3.0 D-4D.

Of course, the Fortuner's upgrade is also skin deep and you'll see the biggest changes in the redesigned front end, which receives new headlights and a bolder trapezoidal-shaped grille with prominent chrome detailing. All models barring the 2.5 D-4D also get high-intensity discharge (HID) bulbs with auto levelling.

In profile, the Fortuner features new overfenders with rear-flowing character lines and the rear end is set apart by shapelier taillight units, featuring clear glass. Finally, all models are fitted with 17-inch alloy wheels and there are seven exterior colours on offer, including new ones like Silky Golf and Dark Steel Mica (the latter available from early next year).

Subtle design changes also abound inside the cabin, where you'll spot a new instrument cluster with chrome detailing and a redesigned centre console. On the spec front, the new 2.5 D-4D model gets all the basics like air conditioning with rear ventilation outlet, electric windows and mirrors, a CD/USB/Aux sound system linked to steering wheel controls and an on-board computer.

However, if you want luxuries like cruise control, leather trim, automatic climate control, automatic headlights, electrically-adjustable driver's seat and the new 15.5cm TFT touch screen for the audio system then you'll have to opt for one of the 3.0 D-4D or 4.0 V6 models.

On the safety front, all versions of the Fortuner are fitted with dual front airbags (with side and curtain bags on all but the 2.5 D-4D) as well as ABS brakes and vehicle stability control. All models are also sold with a five-year/90 000km service plan.

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000

© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

**S A NOODHULPLIGA / S A FIRST AID LEAGUE**  
 15 NERINA STREET KENSINGTON B RANDBURG  
[www.firstaidleague.co.za](http://www.firstaidleague.co.za)  
[admin@safal.co.za](mailto:admin@safal.co.za)  
 011 787 5873

- NEED FIRST AID TRAINING?
- NEED HIV TRAINING?
- NEED FIRST AID BOXES?
- NEED REFILLS?

WE OFFER HWSETA ACCREDITED FIRST AID TRAINING IN:

- GAUTENG
- WESTERN PROVINCE
- EASTERN PROVINCE
- FREESTATE

FIRST AID LEVEL 1, 2, 3 AS WELL AS HIV COURSES

FIRST AID BOXES PACKED ACCORDING TO THE OSHACT  
MOTORIST BAGS  
*REFILLS AVAILABLE*

**THE PROOF OF THE PRODUCT IS IN THE WARRANTY – MONROE SHOCK ABSORBERS**

These high performance shocks offer extended peace of mind warranties and international back-up from a company that has been in business for nearly 100 years - **Monroe – technology driven safety.**

Tenneco South Africa is the manufacturer of Monroe and Rancho Shock Absorbers. Tenneco has a wide portfolio of suspension products and continuously offer new product line. The proof, is of course, in the fitting and Monroe has been the first choice as Original Equipment fitment by most of the top new vehicle manufacturers internationally. These include: GM, Ford, VW, DaimlerChrysler, PSA Peugeot Citroen, Toyota Motor Company, Nissan Motor Company and BMW and Truck manufacturer, Navistar.

**Technology – Tenneco way ahead of the pack**

Off-road too, has benefited immensely from Monroe's engineering and research team – developing the best shock absorbers for 4x4 vehicles, perfectly adapted to the off road drivers' needs. The innovative designs of these special shock absorbers offer you the freedom of driving your 4x4 wherever you want to go... These include Monroe Gas Magnum, Monroe Adventure and Rancho.

**The Gas-Magnum** for 4x4's, 4x2's and bakkies is an advanced off-road heavy-duty twin-tube gas design, for off-roading and upgrading standard bakkie suspensions at minimal cost. The Gas Magnum has good stone protection from the twin-tube design, excellent control and handling in all circumstances and instant response from the strong and durable gas cushion, while the larger cooling surface guarantees consistent performance. And the good news is that the prices are highly competitive





Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

**Adventure** boasts improved handling, instantaneous reaction and cooler running with the benefit of reduced fade. The Monroe Adventure is able to keep to its designed settings even in the most extreme off-road conditions. This premium high-pressure gas, mainly mono-tube 4x4 shock is the ultimate for the connoisseur's SUV.

**And then there is, of course, Rancho...**

Rancho's RS9000XL range of shock absorbers is seen to be the ultimate formula for off-road, providing a more consistent performance over a longer period. The superior time-tested nine-position adjustability is combined with long-lasting polyurethane bushings.

The award winning wireless *MyRide* Tuning System used in conjunction with the RS9000XL range illustrates Ranchos commitment to developing products that maximise the enthusiast's experience on-or off-road.

Designed for a wide-range of driver profiles, from the casual enthusiast to the dedicated off-roader, the new Rancho MyRide Tuning System makes it easy for any driver to adjust the ride from firm to soft and anywhere in between, making ride control simple and precise.

For more information about Rancho suspensions, shocks and other components, visit [www.gorancho.com](http://www.gorancho.com) or contact Tenneco South Africa on 011 574 5603, or email to [plutz@tenneco.com](mailto:plutz@tenneco.com)

***The proof of the product is in the warranty***

These high performance shocks offer an extended 3 year, unlimited km's warranty and international back-up from a company that has been in business for nearly 100 years.

**Ask for Monroe by name:**

Monroe can be bought at most Midas and AutoZone shops and fitted at most Hi-Q's, Supa Quicks, Speedys, Autoquips and Kwik-Fits – please remember to specify Monroe by name for the best results.

[www.monroe.co.za](http://www.monroe.co.za) - 011 574 5603, or email [Philip.lutz@taeu.com](mailto:Philip.lutz@taeu.com).

**GATVOL OF FRACKIN THE KAROO & RHINO POACHING???? BUY A T!!!**

Dear Alan

Thanks for the information as submitted. We are also GATVOL for the FRACKING and RHINO poaching. We make T-shirts to voice our concerns. Please visit our website at [www.gatvol.info](http://www.gatvol.info) We however do not have an example of the Rhino T shirt, but it will be available on the website soon. Be so kind to consider an Ad in your magazine.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Regards

Johan van Huyssteen

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

## **BOBS FOR GOOD PUTS NEEDY KIDS IN SHOES - PUT FOOT RALLY A MULTINATIONAL SUCCESS**

Thanks to Campworld, Jurgens Safari Trailers and Howling Moon, Bobs for Good Foundation enjoyed the sponsorship it needed to stage the Put Foot Rally this year. The Put Foot Rally took place over 17 days, visited seven countries, and threw seven amazing parties.

The Rally benefited hundreds of children in southern Africa and allowed the Bobs for Good Foundation to put shoes on three hundred children in Namibia, Zambia and even more in other parts of the region allowing countless children to discover the pleasure of good footwear.

Team LekkerBru, sponsored by Campworld, Jurgens Safari Trailers and Howling Moon, managed to raise much needed funds over the course of the Rally. Campworld, Jurgens Safari Trailers and Howling Moon sponsored the LekkerBru team with an XT140 Jurgens Safari Trailer and Howling Moon tent. The team came second in the fundraising event. Campworld also sponsored the entire event with discount vouchers to Campworld stores nationwide to equip the participants for their trip.

The Bobs for Good Foundation will put every cent raised towards buying school shoes for children in need. Without members of the public and the sponsors, the Bobs for Good Foundation and Team LekkerBru would not have been able to have such a wonderful effect on the lives of so many underprivileged school children in Africa.

## **FAVOURITE CAMPING SITES IN KZN**

September has arrived, and although spring has not yet officially joined the southern hemisphere, the flowers are out and fishing season is open. With the promise of warmer weather on its way, why not get exploring this season and check out some of KwaZulu-Natal's prime camping spots:

### **Monk's Cowl**

Surrounded by indigenous trees, the shady campsite at Monk's Cowl is a doorway to some of the most unspoilt wilderness areas in the Northern Drakensberg. Between Champagne Castle and the Cathkin mountains, here lies some 22 000 ha of grassland, towering cliffs and lush forests, just waiting to be explored. With a wide variety of trails, catering for all fitness levels, you can set the pace for your getaway at Monk's Cowl - whether it's a casual stroll to the river you're looking for, or a more demanding overnight trail. The ablutions include hot and cold showers, flush toilets, dishwashing and laundry facilities, as well as the relative luxury of instant hot water for tea or coffee.

### **Phongolo Nature Reserve**

First proclaimed a conservation area in 1894 by Paul Kruger, the Phongolo Nature Reserve is one of the oldest protected areas in Africa. Encompassing a variety of special ecosystems, from the Lebombo Mountains to the sweeping grassland of the savannah, there is a surplus of things to do and see here. The camp itself is rustic, set on the edge of the Phongolopoort Dam, but the lack of electricity is more than made up for by the wealth of activities to get involved in: rhino tracking, guided walks, boat cruises and game drives, just to name a few. While the dam is home to a healthy population of hippos and crocs, there are also great tiger-fishing opportunities, and birders will be kept busy with over 300 species in the reserve. Keep your eyes peeled for the suni antelope, which prospers in the rare Golela veld found in the area.

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000

© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

## **Injisuthi**

Set in the Northern section of the Drakensberg, Injisuthi is the perfect base camp for intrepid hikers. With trails ranging from 30 minutes to 10 hours in the nearby Mdedelo Wilderness area, there is something for every family member to enjoy. Surrounded by the iconic forms of Cathkin Peak, Monk's Cowl and Champagne Castle, there are several caves that are suitable for overnight stops in the area, and a guided walk to Battle Cave, well known for its San rock art, is a must. The campsite itself can accommodate up to 120 people, and is complete with ablution facilities and electricity in the evening.

## **Shongweni Dam**

Just 30 minutes outside of Durban, Shongweni Dam offers a unique accommodation experience: the tented camp on stilts, overlooking the dam, provides a slightly more elegant solution to your usual camping. Watersports are the obvious attraction here, but there are also several hikes and great picnic spots, as well as horseback trails and game drives to keep guests entertained.

## **Highmoor**

In the central uKhahlamba Drakensberg National Park, the elevation of the Highmoor campsite gives it a truly epic quality. With Kamberg and Lotheni to the south, and Giant's Castle in the north, there is no shortage of imposing scenery. Boasting some of the best fly-fishing in the country, the open season has just begun. In the interest of sustainability, fishing is allowed only between the 1st of September and the 18th of December, and again from the 1st of March to the 30th of June, so don't miss this opportunity as permits are still limited. While there are seven campsites in the area, all complete with satisfactory ablutions, hikers can also enjoy the unique opportunity to stay the night in either of two caves: Aasvoelkrantz and Caracal Cave, both about two hours' walk from the car park.

## **Umlalazi Nature Reserve**

Explore the meandering mangrove swamps, listen for the scuffle of a bushpig in the dune forests, or experience the wildflowers and abundant birdlife closer to the river; these are just a few of the delights that Umlalazi Nature Reserve has to offer. Well known as one of the few places to spot the rare palmnut vulture and the raffia palm that it depends on, this coastal reserve offers a refreshingly different experience to the imposing scenery of the Drakensberg. Just 1km from Mtunzini on the KwaZulu-Natal Coast, this is a great spot to enjoy a range of watersports on the lagoon or the endless beach, conveniently situated just a few minutes away from the spacious campsites. Do keep your eyes peeled for sharks and crocs though!  
eNews @ Wild Card

## **SA MAN MISSING IN BOTSWANA PARK**

**BADFONTEIN** - An elderly woman was stranded in a vehicle in a dry riverbed in Botswana for five days while her husband went looking for help but has been missing since, without trace.

Well-known farmer couple, Mr John (80) and Ms Lorraine ( 78 ) Bullen of the farm Killarney in the Badfontein area, left on Sunday September 11 for an adventurous holiday in Botswana. According to their daughter-in-law, Ms Estelle Bullen, the couple spent the first night in Francistown from where they departed to Kasana the next day.

On Tuesday they entered the Chobe Game Reserve to overnight at the picturesque Savuti Camp.

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

En route to their destination, they decided to stop at a camp they'd visited many years previously. Much to their disappointment they found it had closed down but was manned by locals with firefighter protection units. The Bullens was advised to continue on the road, which was a shortcut to Savuti, but they got horribly lost. On Tuesday afternoon their Land Rover Discovery got stuck in the sand of a dry riverbed. Many attempts to remove the sand and put logs under the wheels to get out of the nasty situation, failed. No vehicles passed them during their struggle.

"Dad decided late on Wednesday afternoon to start walking and find help. He took his axe, five litres of water, a bag with food and other essentials. He also took the GPS with him to guide him back to the previous camp where they had stopped. He had to walk 37 km for assistance.

"Mom stayed behind in the Land Rover waiting for him. The area is alive with predators and wild animals. She left the safety of the vehicle's cabin only when necessary."

Without a radio signal, she spent her time waiting and praying for her husband's safe return. She had food and only five litres of water which she had to use sparingly. It was very dry and hot at the time. "Mom also recalls sitting in the vehicle looking at the dense vegetation and the stone-henge hills. "Great was God's mercy, as the park is known as the area with the densest elephant population in the world and yet no elephant or other animals disturbed her while she was stuck in the elephant pathway. On the Monday afternoon, she had only 500ml of water left for the next day. "At sunset a vehicle with Dutch tourists found her at the Land Rover. Apparently they had driven the same route and also got lost. One of the tourists was a fireman, who managed to pull the stranded vehicle out of the sand. They took mom to safety at the nearest military base. Mom reported dad's disappearance to the police and we were also notified of the situation. She was taken to Kasane on Tuesday," explains Estelle. Mr Mike Bullen, their son, left for Botswana to assist his mother.

Major search parties were deployed from the Botswana Army, Police, anti-poaching units and Wildlife Society. Apparently the aerial search was called off on Saturday night, after they covered 50 000 km and found no trace of the missing man.

"According to the Botswana statistics, dad is the ninth person in three years to disappear without a trace in the Savuti area. The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the Botswana authorities for their effort in this very intensive search. "We thank each and every one for their prayers, moral support, telephone calls and SMSes," concluded Bullen.

He brought his mother back to Lydenburg. The foot patrol continues to search indefinitely. At the time of going to press, he has not been found.

### **KALAHARI SUMMER SPECIAL**

1<sup>st</sup> December 2011 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 - [www.kalaharisummer.com](http://www.kalaharisummer.com)

Minimum 3 nights at one single Camp/Lodge or 4 nights at two or more different properties. US\$185 – US\$265 pppn sharing NETT. E-Brochures and I-Brochures Available on all participating Camps and Lodges

**BOTSWANA MADE EASY AND AFFORDABLE. LOWEST PRICES OF THE SEASON.**  
Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000

© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

Kind regards

Tara Venter - Email: [res3@footsteps-in-africa.com](mailto:res3@footsteps-in-africa.com)

Website address: [www.footsteps-in-africa.com](http://www.footsteps-in-africa.com)

## **NEW FORD RANGER MAKES TOWING SAFER THAN EVER**

- Ranger utilises the innovative Trailer Sway Control technology to mitigate the problem of 'snaking'
- Trailer sway is a serious phenomenon that can in some cases quickly escalate and can be difficult to counter, potentially leading to serious accidents
- The technology is part of the Electronic Stability Program system and uses information from the sensors – such as yaw, acceleration and steering angle

Be it towing a caravan or a trailer, the all-new Ranger gives drivers additional confidence and control with an innovative technology that mitigates trailer sway. The Trailer Sway Control feature available in the all-new Ranger XLS, XLT and Wildtrack derivatives, assists the driver when 'snaking' occurs. Trailer sway – a phenomenon where the trailer swings from side to side and compromises vehicle control – can be a cause of accidents for vehicles which are towing.

"For the inexperienced, towing can be a daunting experience," said Matt Bridger, stability control engineer, Product Development, Ford Australia. "You have to adapt your driving technique and pay attention to your speed, but even then, weather conditions or the actions of other road users can sometimes lead to trouble. For such cases we have developed Ford's Trailer Sway Control technology to assist the driver."

While technology provides an added layer of security, it's not a substitute for drivers displaying caution when towing. Excessive speed, poorly distributed loads and improperly inflated tyres can all negatively influence the trailer stability. Weather conditions such as slick roads and crosswinds are also factors.

"Once the trailer starts to sway, it can very quickly escalate and – unless the appropriate actions are taken – cause a loss of control," Bridger said. "If you are driving above a certain speed, the swaying can increase."

### **Constant monitoring for your safety**

The Trailer Sway Control feature is part of the Electronic Stability Program (ESP) system and uses information from its sensors – such as yaw, acceleration and steering angle. "The ESP system monitors these parameters anyway, so it makes sense that we should use this information to look out for and react to trailer sway as well," explained Bridger.

Trailer Sway Control continuously monitors the yaw rate of the vehicle and compares this to the steering angle. If swaying is detected without appropriate driver input, the all-new Ranger is designed to react accordingly to correct the instability.

"If it detects a situation where it needs to intervene, Trailer Sway Control is designed to make brake and engine interventions based upon the sway severity and lateral movements caused," he added.

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

For moderate sway, the front brakes will engage in a left-right alternating pattern to generate a yaw movement in the vehicle that counteracts the trailer sway. For more severe sway, engine torque is reduced to zero and brake pressures are applied to all four wheels in order to reduce the vehicle's speed below the trailer's critical speed.

Of course, these systems aren't the only way the all-new Ranger can assist drivers who tow. The smart Rear View Camera system that displays the video image in the rear view mirror can be a big help when hooking up to your trailer.

Ranger has also gone through rigorous real-life testing to ensure it can cope with the demands towing places on the engine and clutch – offering extra peace of mind all round if you're hitching up the caravan for a holiday.

### Top tips for safer towing

- Check tyre pressures and lights on both the trailer and the towing vehicle
- Make sure your trailer's load is correctly balanced and secured
- Reduce your vehicle speed to suit the driving conditions
- Take extra care when changing lanes and negotiating sharp bends

### DÉJÀ VU FOR SPIRIT OF AFRICA WINNERS

September 16 2011 by Motoring Staff (IOL)

Christiaan Otto and Marius Welgemoed made it two in the row when they came out on top at the 2011 Spirit of Africa finals in Bilene, Mozambique; the same crew won the 2010 title in Namibia. Otto and Welgemoed brought precise driving and total concentration to the challenging course, scoring 1495 points to take the title - and R50 000 in prize money.

Juan Grant and Douw Roode walked away with R30 000 for second place, on 1305 points, and Piet and Madelein Kotze earned themselves 20 000 for third with 1280 points. Nearly 500 teams entered the two eliminations rounds held in Upington and Kosi Bay.

Convenor Sarel "Supervan" van der Merwe was delighted with the level of the competition and group of participants in the 2011 competition. "Looking back at the competition from previous years, I realise that the Spirit of Africa is attracting a new group of participants.

"Previously, we had a more traditional, older group of 4x4 drivers but this year the competition attracted a number of younger, more adventurous drivers between the ages of 21 and 26, who are bringing a whole new dimension to the competition.

"This is positive for the Spirit of Africa because it means we have tapped into a whole new market, and shows that the competition now appeals to a wider audience. "It's good to know that the face of the competition is also changing and becoming more contemporary, although it does make me feel that I might be getting too old for the game," he added.

"The highlight for me this year was using the VW Amarok 90kW; it was consistently quicker in the rough than the bigger-engined bakkies we used to use, and dispelled the myth that smaller-capacity engines such as the 90kW, two-litre turbodiesel don't have the muscles for serious off-roading," said Van der Merwe.

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000

© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

The Amarok will again be the official vehicle on the 2012 Spirit of Africa competition and Van der Merwe is already looking at a different location. "We will probably have one of the elimination rounds somewhere in Limpopo Province," he said, "and we are looking at changing the format of the competition to add some excitement and enhance its reputation for toughness."

### **COME ENJOY A WEEKEND AWAY @ CYFERFONTEIN.**

2 Hours north of Pretoria in the heart of the Bushveld. Ideal for a fun get-together with family and friends. Functions, 'bosberaad' & conferences. Luxury self catering units with en-suite bathrooms. Sleeps 30 people. Fully equipped camp with a stunning swimming pool & lapa. 14 Animal species

For information: [info@cyferfontein.com](mailto:info@cyferfontein.com) - Website: [www.cyferfontein.com](http://www.cyferfontein.com)

### **MINISTER LAUNCHES MINIMUM TOURISM STANDARDS**

Minister of Tourism Marthinus van Schalkwyk launched the National Minimum Standard for Responsible Tourism today. Speaking from the Featherbed Nature Reserve in Knysna, he highlighted that responsible tourism is about creating better places for people to live in, and better places to visit. He says that South Africa's natural environment is one of its greatest tourism resources and the tourism industry needs to be actively involved in conserving and protecting it.

The minister said that the primary objective of the National Department of Tourism (NDT) is to retain the economic and social advantages of tourism development and growth while reducing the undesirable impacts on the natural, historic, cultural or social environment. "Through the application of responsible tourism practices, we will develop the tourism sector as a national priority in a sustainable and acceptable manner, integrating tourism to the broader social and economic processes in society," he maintained.

The NDT commenced with a process of developing the National Minimum Standard for Responsible Tourism (NMSRT) in 2009 as part of its strategic objective of creating a sustainable tourism industry. South Africa was among the first countries to include responsible tourism in its national tourism policy, the 1996 White Paper on the Development and Promotion of Tourism in South Africa.

Following the White Paper, the then Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT) also produced the National Responsible Tourism Guidelines in 2002 which emphasised the need to address the triple bottom line of sustainable development – economic, environmental and social sustainability.

The draft National Minimum Standard for Responsible Tourism was finalised by the department in 2010 where it later underwent a rigorous process through the South African Bureau of Standard (SABS) for it to become a South African National Standard (SANS). The draft was then published as a South African National Minimum Standard for Responsible Tourism (SANMSRT) on the 28 March 2011.

The SANMSRT consists of 41 criteria, covering the core aspects of sustainability and divided into four categories, namely: sustainable operations and management; economic; environmental; and social and cultural. This standard serves three purposes:

- to establish a common understanding of the minimum criteria for responsible tourism;



© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

- to promote responsible tourism in the tourism sector, including accommodation, hospitality, travel distribution system, as well as all organs of state and entities, organised labour and communities involved or interested in the tourism sector in South Africa; and
- to establish the minimum criteria for certification of the sustainability of organisations in the tourism sector.

The NMSRT will be utilised by tourism and sector organisations to create awareness among their members about responsible tourism. The document can be used as a benchmark for their members to work towards attaining the goals set by the national Responsible Tourism Guidelines of 2002. It can also be used by tourism businesses and organisations preparing for certification or simply evaluating the organisation's progress in respect of sustainability.

The minister concluded in saying that the launch marks an important milestone in the promotion of responsible tourism and the raising of awareness amongst tourists on the value of conserving our natural resources for sustainability to ensure continued growth in the tourism industry for years to come

### **POACHERS WILL DO ANYTHING!!!!**

In Zimbabwe, poachers for the first time are poisoning watering holes to snare tusks from elephants. In South Africa, a Thai national allegedly evaded rhino hunting quotas by using Thai sex workers as fake hunters. And 13 safari operators, veterinarians and even a pilot are to appear in court next week, accused of poaching rhinos and trying to smuggle out their horns.

The cases show how the skyrocketing price in Asia for tusks, horns and other wildlife parts is undermining increased efforts to crack down on smuggling. The parts are used for alleged medicinal properties or, in the case of ivory, for artwork. Elephant tusks and rhino horns have doubled in price on the black market from just a few years ago. Poachers can get around \$1,800 a kilo (2.2 pounds) for tusks and \$10,000 a kilo for rhino horns. Zimbabwe's wildlife agency reported Tuesday that nine elephants and at least five lions died from poisoning at watering holes in recent weeks.

The elephants' ivory tusks were removed but the lions' heads and skins were left intact, said agency spokeswoman Caroline Washaya-Moyo, suggesting that the lions were accidental victims of the crime. Buffalo were also killed, as were vultures that preyed on the dead animals.

### **Bhejane 4X4 Adventures**

[www.bhejane.com](http://www.bhejane.com) / 044 535 9257 / [info@bhejane.com](mailto:info@bhejane.com)

Bhejane 4X4 Adventures conducts guided self drive 4X4 trails into the remote areas of Southern Africa. Our objective is to involve everyone in the ecological, historical, cultural, and ornithological components of the areas we visit.

Depending on the destination, adventure tourism activities are integrated into the tour and include walking trails, photography, game tracking, bird watching, fishing, diving and boating excursions.

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

The tour dynamics allow you and your family to enjoy the trip from the privacy of your own vehicle, while ensuring your safety and comfort in the camaraderie of group participation.

All vehicles are issued with hand-held radios to facilitate communication between participants and expeditions are fully catered by a professional chef. The team's language skills enable us to share our knowledge in English, Afrikaans, Zulu or Tswana.

### The team

Our tour guides are highly skilled with extensive experience in tour guiding, 4x4 driving, biological interpretation and a vast knowledge of the history and culture of all the areas we visit.

Three meals a day are prepared by our experienced chef with fresh salads, potjiekos, braais and many other surprises appearing on the menu. We provide all the tents, tables, cutlery and crockery and our logistics crew will pitch and take down the camps at all the overnight stops we visit.

Though our bush-camps may be rustic, you will at all times be safe; the crew will spare no effort to make you comfortable, provide you with good wholesome food and, most importantly, see that you have a good time.

### All the prices quoted include

- All hotel and lodge accommodation
- All camp fees
- Three meals a day
- All park entrance fees
- All advertised activities
- Bhejane Adventures provides tents, cutlery and crockery
- Coffee & tea – all day every day whilst in camp

### Children

Children under the age of ten years @ 50%

### What you need to bring

- You and your family
- Your passport
- Your vehicle & fuel
- Your own mattresses and sleeping bags
- Your own fold-up chairs
- Your own drinks and in-between snacks

### Private tours

Private and corporate tours, at dates of your choice and to destinations of your choice, can be arranged.

March 2010

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

## ***From the Tracks – Reader Feedback***

### **READER FEEDBACK**

Hi Alan,

Thanks for this, it is by far the most comprehensive newsletter I have ever seen.

Friendly regards

Jurgen Cobarg

Hi Alan,

Have been so hectic around the office lately. Thank you so much for forwarding the August 2011 newsletter, appreciated. Please keep me on your mailing list!!!!

Regards,

**Elize Taljaard**

Alan

Just a personal thanks for your friendly updates (E-Zine). I have actually found some info very useful, even work related. Also a big thanks for the pictures and exposure in SA 4X4 of Team 70 and "Groenie", the green Hilux in the Fundi change.

Thanks for friendliness and for what you are doing for the 4x4 community, I can assure you it is much appreciated by all.

Regards

Wynand, Sonja & Elaine Tredoux

Dear Alan

Thanks for your mail and wish we could plan a trip this year but gearing up for the defender trophy in Feb. We do have some exciting products for you buddies in the 4x4 game. Snorkels for a 1000 rand winches 3500 rand hilift jacks and bases etc.

Regards Nick - 082 879 6748

Geko 4x4

### **UNIT STANDARD DRIVER TRAINING COURSE – FEEDBACK FROM LEARNERS**

Hi Alan

Thanks for the opportunity to attend the driver accreditation course (DCC). We only realise how quickly we become out of touch with basics when having to demonstrate driving skills from basics.

Many thanks for the day I found it informative (learned something new) and certainly served as a revision of theory and practical which we take for granted.

Thanks also to Grant for the assistance and Charmaine for the light lunch provided on Sunday.

Regards

Hendrik Behrtel



© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

Hi Alan

*Thank you very much for yesterday, thanks for the individual attention and time, it is quite scary to answer question when everyone is looking on, but after the second obstacle is got easier.*

*Again for you and Grant, thanks very much*

Regards

Thys Kruger

Hi Alan

Well a nerve racking day to say the least! You made me feel at ease and the day was very pleasant. Thank you and grant for making the process smooth and simple.

Regards

Steve Waller

### **ENTHUSIAST MEETING FEEDBACK (OPEN TO PUBLIC)**

Hi Alan – after Tuesday evening with Merlinda ( I had a nice chat with her afterwards & thought she was awesome, great idea), I thought I would send this thru – people are unbelievable!

Regards,

Colin Murphy

*Dear Alan From our side also a big thank you for a very pleasant enthusiasts evening we had .*

*We enjoyed it very much. Thank you for all the effort you put into it*

*Kind regards*

*Pieter Heslinga*

Alan,

Dit was 'n great meeting, well done.

Groete

Jan Swanepoel

*It was a great meeting Tuesday night. I've had some work done by Big Country and think their quality is the best in SA. Thanks again for squeezing Johann Ungerer into the agenda.*

*John L Scholtes*

*Evening Alan*

What an unbelievable experience Denise & I had. The venue and presenters were great.

The cherry on the evening was firstly catching up with Lynette & Peet Koekemoer and having a brief chat with them, the first thunderstorm of the summer and of course your guest speaker (Merlinda Lotter). We were certainly humbled by the passion in which she lives her life and unconditional acceptance of her illness and of her belief in our Creator who has played a significant part in her life.



© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

Thank you for inviting her - we certainly can reflect on our lives and how we live them and we are certainly grateful for our health, abilities and countless blessings we receive which we more than often take for granted.

Regards  
The Glanvill's

*Some very good presentations last night, I have no comment on Merlinda's talk - I was left speechless!!! The Gas guy was also excellent!*

*Thanks an evening well spent with good people again*  
**Kevin Bolton**

Hi Alan,

Ek moet jou gelukwens met gisteraand se funksie. Dit was een van die beste aande tot dusver vir my. Goeie sprekers, interessante produkte en natuurlik, die (rooi) kersie op die koek was die nuwe Ford Ranger!

Maar eintlik die beste deel van die aand was Merlinda Lotter se praatjie. Wat 'n inspirasie en motivering om nie te praat van die pragtige DVD en musiek nie ! Het sy 'n website of iets waar 'n mens meer kan gaan lees oor haar en wat sy doen ?

Mooi bly.  
Anne-Marie Ungerer

*Hi Alan*

*Thanks for another great get together last night. The story (and courage) of Merlinda really struck a cord with me personally and I think with most people there. I saw the previous Budapest to Bamako race on TV a while back and I wonder if Merlinda would know when the 2011 race will be broadcasted?*

*Kind regards*  
*Stefan Kruger*

Hi Alan, good evening last night - thank you. Is it possible to publish the web addresses of the people who spoke about products so that attendees can follow up if required?  
Thanks and Regards  
Cecil Harris

*Wow, what an evening !*  
*Merlinda Lotter = AMA-zing !*  
*And thanks for the opportunity to "brag" about the new Ford Ranger.*  
*Johann, Anne-Marie & Fanie Ungerer*

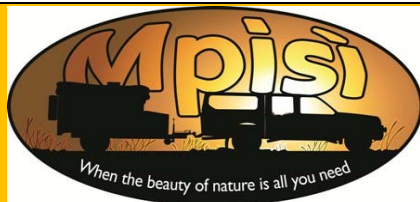
**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000

© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011



## **MPISI BUSH SAFARIS**

We offer 4x4 Offroad Day and Weekend Trips for the offroad enthusiast who cannot get away for long periods but would like to spend time relaxing in Mother Nature and going to destinations which can only be reached with a 4x4. Come share the experience of 4x4 trails so that enthusiasts can constantly hone their skills in a truly natural 4x4 environment and not only experience man-made 4x4 tracks. We design trips on request to accommodate birders, fauna and flora lovers as well as plan trips to any destination in Southern Africa thus enabling you to gain access into eco sensitive environments and areas with fully qualified guides.

We also offer 4x4 & Offroad Driver Training. We are Accredited Offroad Driver Instructors accredited in accordance with the Unit Standards 254135 & 254154 in association with African Off-Road Academy. Training covers the handling and use of your vehicle offroad and in eco sensitive areas in order to keep yourself and your vehicle safe with the minimum impact on the environment.

For those who can get away for longer trips, we offer offroad trips to all corners of South Africa, discovering parts of our beautiful country, off the beaten track. To travel the gravel and off the beaten track avoiding all highways and national routes, stopping at each little town on the way, explore our country's history, its people and places as well as adventure into the surrounding bush.

Trips are also made to Namibia, Botswana, Mozambique and other countries within the SADEC region.

### **Contact us & visit our website for further information:**

Duncan Kenney (GP3499)

082 600 7177

[info@mpisibushsafaris.co.za](mailto:info@mpisibushsafaris.co.za)

Karen Chiole (GP3500)

082 657 1252

[www.mpisibushsafaris.co.za](http://www.mpisibushsafaris.co.za)

### **UPCOMING TRIPS:**

12-13 November 2011 4x4 Offroad Basic Driver Training (US254135) accredited

25-27 November 2011 Year End/Christmas Camping Weekend

03-04 December 2011 4x4 Offroad Basic Driver Training (US254135) accredited

*March 2011*

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
 WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
 Tel: 012 541 6000



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

## ***Fresh from the Bush – New Products***

### **DUEL FUEL KARIBA SHOWER & COOKER**

We take great pleasure to introduce our all new **Kariba Nomad** - "DUEL FUEL" **Hot Camp Shower & Cooker**.

Our all inclusive launch price inclusive of VAT for the Nomad Package includes the Shower head kit and submersible pump and an off-road container which also serves as a water well is priced at **R2,510.00** delivered to your door in all the major centers of South Africa by courier. Deliveries will start towards the end of October 2011, and will include a limited quantity of **GoSystem "Campset"** pot, pan & handle sets valued at **R250.00 FREE OF CHARGE** with each Nomad package purchased as an incentive for the first orders received.

We at Kariba Products are blown away by the performance of the Tiny "DUEL FUEL" Nomad, and have great faith in believing that it is going to be a winner with all campers and adventurers. This is a once of offer never to be repeated before this product reaches our retail stores, and is an ideal Christmas gift and holiday season at the end of the year.

Please ensure to either contact Beryl Damacio at our factory 021 511 9405 or "reply" email me by return to confirm if this offer is still available prior to placing your order.

Thank you once again for you much appreciated support. We look forward to being of service, and please do not hesitate to request further information.

### **SECURITY PRODUCTS FOR 4X4ERS**

Now that is it warming up im sure the 4x4 adventures are going to start taking place more often, and we would like to advise you of our products that would be suitable for your perusal. You can use these products for personal use, corporate gifts or and prizes.

For any accidents that may occur – you would need a vehicle **FIRST AID KITS** handy. Available for home, industrial workshop, office, outdoors and vehicle. Our competitive price on this unit is from R200.00 – R600.00

Also available exclusively manufactured by us the **ELECTRO THERAPY KIT**. That is a tested and an effective treatment for all snake bites, spider bites, scorpion and even stone fish stings. Our competitive price on this unit is R 1750.00

In the dark and you can not find your way we have a **SUPER TORCH**. That shines 200m ahead with a strobe light facility. Fits perfectly in the palm of your hand. Our competitive price on this unit is R 190.00

Get lost or go off track we have the **SMOKE SIGNALS**. Burns for approximately 2min sending out a thick could of smoke to signal rescue personal that you are in distress. Our competitive price on this unit is R 193.00

If in a threatened situation we have our **COMBAT PEPPER SPRAY**. It is highly effective for self defense not only to humans but animals and reptiles. Fits nicely in your hand the 60ml in a belt pouch optional. Our competitive price on this unit is R 67.00



© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

We have a large variety of goods that I have not elaborated on above, please visit our website for more information

[www.thecrimestopshop.com](http://www.thecrimestopshop.com)

Tracey Meerhoolz - 011 894 7245

## **HID ROTATING / SEARCH LIGHT**

Details & Features:

- Power: HID-Xenon 55W.
- Voltage: 12V or 24V DC
- Amps: 4.1amps
- Wireless Remote Control(75m from Light): On and Off, 360' rotation and 120' vertical.
- HID Colour Temperature: 3500K-12000K
- Life Time: over 3 000Hours
- Luminosity: 4400 Lumens
- Working Temperature: -40 - 150°C
- Light Resource: Super power auto HID.
- Range: more than 1km
- 2 Remotes included (extra remote available on request R 50)
- **Very Strong Magnet**



- 1 year warrantee
- Spare globes available (R 150 extra )
- Transformer available if want to use on normal 220/230V home power. (R 350 )
- Dual use Car/Home (Don't need to change the plug)

Excellent for:

- Home security, Farm & field protection, Rescue actions, Recreation activities, Emergency lighting
- Easy to install on:
  - Ordinary vehicles, Boats, Trains, Houses, Buildings, Any place where electricity is available
  - Remote control & mobilized
  - To avoid carrying lighting equipment
  - To prevent unknown threats in the dark
  - To avoid cold hands
  - Suitable for critical environments.

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000

© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

R1750 introductory offer – contact [4x4offroad@mweb.co.za](mailto:4x4offroad@mweb.co.za). Excludes postage & insurance.  
SECURITY INDUSTRY BUYING THEM NOW FROM US!!!!

## **STUNNING KOAKOLAND 4x4 BOOK – Discovering the secrets of Namibia – Johan Snyman**

I have recently purchased one of these books to check it out. It is absolutely stunning, concentrated on geology, fauna and flora, people, and then lots of detail and tracks. It has plenty of tracks, roads, routes and other stunning information, and is a must as a reference book. This is where we are going on our tour next year, so makes good prepping and reading. See cover picture attached. Softback. A5 size

Details:

The Kaokoland is situated in the top left-hand corner of Namibia and is a barren mountain desert region that is alluring, yet utterly inhospitable, to all but the local population and extremely well-prepared travelers. This 190 page full-colour guide to the Kaokoland is the most complete and comprehensive available at present, and contains all the information a prospective visitor needs to make informed choices when planning a tour through the area. It also contains useful information on the local population, the fauna and flora likely to be encountered in the area, the geology, places of interest, etc.

The author has personally driven, logged and described every road and track found in the area (3800km of them). Approximately 400 colour photographs have been used to illustrate the above. The intention is that this will be the first book in a series, covering all the regions of Namibia.

The recommended retail price of the book is R299-00 and it is distributed by T4A and myself (author)

R299 retail. For e-Zine readers only R255 each.– contact [4x4offroad@mweb.co.za](mailto:4x4offroad@mweb.co.za). Excludes postage & insurance.

## **THE ARID PARKS – STEVE NEWBOULD**

This book is produced by one of our Cape Town club members. The book normally retails at R280.00 and is available at the 6 Arid Parks it represents, selected bookshops and online at [www.capturedexperiences.com/book.php](http://www.capturedexperiences.com/book.php) for this price. However I am happy to offer it directly to readers at the discounted price of R230.00. Excludes postage. Feel free to offer it to friends and family at this price too, or buy some for your customers / office, as it makes a stunning coffee table book or gift!!

**Kgalagadi / Richtersveld / Augrabies / Namaqua / TankwaKaroo / Mokala**  
**10 000 desert photographs lead to the publishing of a spectacular coffee table book on the arid South African National Parks**

From majestic black-manned lions, cheeky suricates (meerkat) and delicate desert flowers to the roaring Augrabies Falls, the spectrum of images displayed in this photographic compilation would quite likely take a single photographer a lifetime to gather.

*The Arid Parks Captured Experiences* book relates the experiences of visitors to the parks (many

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000

© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

of whom happen to be extraordinary photographers), through the telling of their own stories by way of photographs and accompanying prose. Besides the portraits of the fauna; the plant life in the book, such as the delicate Namaqua daisies and majestic Richtersveld quiver trees, is inspiring in its beauty - and the macro photography of reptiles and insects draws you in to a world so often forgotten.

It features six arid parks, namely: Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park; /Ai /Ais-Richtersveld Transfrontier Park; Augrabies Falls National Park; Mokala National Park; Namaqua National Park and Tankwa Karoo National Park and includes ' highlights and accommodation' in the introductory section to each park. A map orientates the reader, with regards to the parks' locations in South Africa (with the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park straddled across South Africa and Botswana and the /Ai /Ais-Richtersveld Transfrontier Park spilling across the Namibian border.)

*The Arid Parks Captured Experiences* book is the product of the Captured Experiences photographic competition, a SANParks initiative to promote the arid South African National Parks. The competition, which ran in four rounds from January 2010 to January 2011, saw a panel of five judges carefully sift through nearly 10 000 entries. All of the winning photos have been published in this book, along with other select images from the competition.

Specifications:

- Width: 285mm
- Height: 245mm
- Pages: 176
- Hard-Cover
- Over 300 unique images

Contact [4x4offroad@mweb.co.za](mailto:4x4offroad@mweb.co.za). Excludes postage & insurance.

### **ANOTHER EXCEPTIONAL BOOK LAUNCHED!!!**

We have been given an incredible exclusive opportunity to buy Hannes Lochner's coffee table book at a special club promotional price of R450.00 per book. Clive Lucas will be coordinating the orders and monies – his details are listed below.

As this is such a good deal the books will have to be ex Cape Town and so transport cost attached when we know the volume of the books for Gauteng branch. His book can be viewed on - <http://www.lochnerphoto.com/index.php>.

This is an ideal corporate or family Christmas gift deal not to be repeated again. He is currently working on a new book and can often be seen in the Kgalagardi.

Clive email address – [clivel@netactive.co.za](mailto:clivel@netactive.co.za) or cell 0836555111

Taken by the Hannes Lochner, a South African photographer. He published these images, taken in the Kalahari National Park, in his book called "Colors Of Kalahari". He spent nearly 800 days in the Kalahari Desert taking these photos. <http://www.lochnerphoto.com/index.php>



© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

## MASAZANE EXPEDITIONS

**Masazane Expeditions** specialises in trans-Africa expeditions. Our expeditions are family orientated, however very "rough" conditions for extended periods makes some of the expeditions difficult even for adults and we therefore are forced to exclude children under fifteen (15) years of age. Contact Jacqui on [info@masazane.co.za](mailto:info@masazane.co.za) for more details or questions on any of our exciting adventures. You may also visit [www.masazane.co.za](http://www.masazane.co.za).

### **TOURS/TRIPS IN THE LIMPOPO PROVINCE OF RSA**

These tours/trips explore the Soutpansberg and **Komatiland Forestry** areas and are run regularly, as and when booked by a group... so please do not hesitate to contact Jacqui on [info@masazane.co.za](mailto:info@masazane.co.za) as soon as possible so that we can set out an itinerary especially for you and your family/friends. The tour may include some travelling in the Mpumalanga Province, e.g. the southern parts of the Kruger National Park.

One (1) day tours are usually run from our base, **Camp Africa**, in Louis Trichardt. All the evenings on an extended tour, e.g. a long weekend, may be spent at **Camp Africa**; or at other accommodation en route; or a combination, depending on the chosen itinerary.

Places of interest that are visited (itinerary dependant) include: Bergpan Saltpans; Thathe Vondo Sacred Forest; Lake Fundudzi; Tshatsingo Potholes; Dzata Ruins; the Big Tree (Baobab); Tshirovha Waterfall; ... and so much more...

Planned dates:

23 – 25 September 2011

07 – 09 October 2011

18 – 20 November 2011

15 – 18 December 2011 (long weekend)

### **TRAILS AND OVERLAND (ADVENTURE) TOURIST GUIDE COURSE**

Planned dates:

17 (07:30) to 20 September 2011

venue tbc, Cape Area

21 (19:00) to 25 September 2011

**Camp Africa**, Louis Trichardt

Or if you can make up a group of at least six (6) people then we will come to you and do the course in your town/city... Contact Jacqui on [info@masazane.co.za](mailto:info@masazane.co.za) now for more detailed information.

### **CHRISTMAS SERENGETI EXPEDITION 2011**

The Christmas Serengeti Expedition 2011 runs from **Camp Africa** (Louis Trichardt, RSA) through Zimbabwe, Zambia and Malawi to Tanzania and then back to RSA via Zambia and Zimbabwe. Enjoy the soft, warm waters and beaches of Lake Malawi; spend Christmas wiggling your toes in the sands of Lake Malawi; relive the slave trade and old spice routes on Zanzibar; see Mt. Kilimanjaro (cloud cover willing); see the New Year 2012 in under the starry African skies; experience one of the biggest animal migrations in the world; experience the smells and textures on a coffee farm; visit 'Africa House'; do a moonwalk at the **Kapishya Hot Springs**; and so much more... This expedition is specifically designed so that you may take your school children with so that they may also enjoy the wonders of nature...

We have been doing this particular expedition since Christmas 1999 – the Serengeti Millennium Expedition – and have been able to see the magnificent wildebeest herds every time. During

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

December, the wildebeest, and the accompanying predators, are in the southern most parts of the Serengeti... far from the Mara River...

Departure Date: 14 December 2011

Expected End Date 09 January 2012

Contact Jacqui on [info@masazane.co.za](mailto:info@masazane.co.za) now for more detailed information.

### TRANS AFRICA NORTHBOUND EXPEDITION 2012 (LEG I)

Our ninth Trans-Africa Expedition starts at **Camp Africa** (Louis Trichardt, RSA). The general route for this intrepid expedition is RSA; Botswana; Namibia; Angola; DRC; Congo; Gabon; Cameroon; Nigeria; Niger; Mali; Mauritania; Morocco (including the region called Western Sahara); and ends in Spain at Algeciras. Cross the biggest river in Africa; see the rain forests; stopover in Timbuktu; cross the Sahara Desert; enjoy the music and vibe of African cities; and much, much more...

Departure Date: 04 June 2012 (tbc)

Contact Jacqui on [info@masazane.co.za](mailto:info@masazane.co.za) now for more detailed information.

### EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST EXPEDITION 2012 (LEG II – LINKING ROUTE)

This is a linking route between the Trans-Africa Northbound and Southbound Expeditions for those expeditionists that wish to join us on the entire once-in-a-lifetime circular route. Drive through Spain; France, Italy; Greece; Turkey; Syria; and Jordan into Egypt. Visit Monte Carlo; Pisa; Rome; Pompei; Acropolis; Olympus; Meteora; Blue Mosque; Topkapi Palace; Basilika Cistern; Cappadocia; *Crac des Chevaliers*; the Dead Sea; Petra; Wadi Rum; and so much more...

'Departure' Date: when Leg I ends

Contact Jacqui on [info@masazane.co.za](mailto:info@masazane.co.za) now for more detailed information.

### TRANS AFRICA SOUTHBOUND EXPEDITION 2012 (LEG III)

Our tenth Trans-Africa Expedition follows directly on from the linking route through Europe and the Middle East and starts from Cairo (Egypt). Let the secrets of Egypt and its pharaohs overwhelm you; experience the Sahara Desert and live to tell the tale (again); survive the heat and desolation through Egypt and Sudan while driving along the mysterious Nile River; experience the striking White Desert; feel the history embedded in the rock churches at Lalibela; experience millions of flamingos; visit the source of the White Nile; meet people from various cultures; and so much more...

Why not fly into Cairo and join Dave in our vehicle back to RSA...

'Departure' Date: when Leg II ends

Contact Jacqui on [info@masazane.co.za](mailto:info@masazane.co.za) now for more detailed information.

Please contact us at [info@masazane.co.za](mailto:info@masazane.co.za) if you want us to tailor-design an expedition for you and your close family/friends. We design the expedition according to your needs; provide expert advice on various aspects of such expeditions; provide assistance with all required documents; can provide meals; and of course provide a superb guiding service that will make your expedition ever so memorable...

Want to leave your 4x4 vehicle at home? Or you do not have a 4x4 vehicle? Why not join us in our vehicle on one (1) of our planned expeditions or charter us for an itinerary of your choice with your family/friends. Contact us on [info@masazane.co.za](mailto:info@masazane.co.za) and ask Jacqui for more detailed information.

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

**PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT ALL DATES AND ITINERARIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

June 2012

## ***The Dusty Way – Club Trips, Reports & Feedbacks***

Hi Alan

Just to report back on the Rhino 4x4 day. Nigel contacted me on Sunday morning as I was leaving the house to say that Denise was in hospital and that he was on his way back to the hospital. He asked me to take the group through at Rhino and that he would send the indemnity forms with Pierre.

We arrived at the venue and after all had arrived I gave the customary club talk and then the guide from McCarthy 4x4 club told us what was to happen for the day and how long the route would take. After blowing tyres down we all left for the obstacle track where the final Bridgestone event was held to tackle a few obstacles before moving onto the days event. After the first few obstacles there was a steep uphill and when Neville Black had two attempts to get up he realised that he had broken a engine mounting and that he would no longer be able to carry on he left for a slow journey home.

We carried on with the track and all was well. The rest of the day went off alright and a lot of fun was had when the group got to the sand pit where a lot of fun was had with big smiles on the faces of all. We proceeded to the club house where we all had lunch and then everyone left on their own time.

Kim Van Der Merwe

## ***The Trading Post – Swop, Sell or Buy***

### **FOR SALE 1998 TOYOTA LAND CRUISER 105 SERIES**

This vehicle is Africa ready with all the extras to take the avid adventurer literally anywhere that most other vehicles fear to go in comfort and the knowledge that these vehicles seldom need assistance.

Standard equipment:

- Centre, rear and front difflocks, Solid front axle, Permanent 4 wheel drive
- White body with black bumpers, air con
- FSH and roadworthy

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000

© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

- Milage – 275000

Non standard equipment fitted by reputable fitters:

- Imported Out Of Town Oz 180lt fuel tank replacing the smaller rear tank – R5500
- Imported OOT Roof consol inside cab – R2275
- Iron man suspension - R7500
- 5 x Cooper 285/75 ATT tyres – R12000
- Upgraded Burnco front bumper with drive lights
- Burnco back bumper, rear spare wheel carrier with gas bottle holder – R32 000
- Burnco rear 4 Draw system with stainless table and 40lt fridge slide and side hatches – R12 000
- Burnco Stainless steel Fresh Water tanks 40lt x 2 below driver and Co driver with marine pressurised water pump – R8 000
- Adjustable rear Air suspension – R3000
- Hannibal Impi Roof top tent and side awning – R13 000
- National Lunar 2<sup>nd</sup> battery system with additional battery – R4500
- LA Sport Snorkel – R4000
- LA Sport Winch – R10.000
- KC 8" HID spots – R8000
- Sony CDX radio CD – R2500
- VHF radio – R2000, 29 meg radio – R2000
- 125 watt solar panel and regulator with roof carrier mountings and stand– R9000
- Rear seats removed and fitted with additional 15 lt fridge cabinet and slide, 4x storage bins and 2 x draws - R10 000
- Tyre dog tyre monitoring system R2500
- All standard equipment to go with the vehicle (rear seats and original fuel tanks) EXCLUDED are the 2 x fridges

TOTAL EXTAS R142.175.00 - REAL Value R330 000

Sale price is R235 000 onco - Pictures available on request

[cobus@core-kites.co.za](mailto:cobus@core-kites.co.za) or [info@vanhunksboarding.com](mailto:info@vanhunksboarding.com)

---

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000

The banner features a yellow background with various plastic mouldings and containers, including a red cooler, a blue cooler, and a white container. A person is shown using a tool to work on a moulding.

© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

## ***Legally Speaking.....***

### **LEASES vs THE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT**

*In accordance with the current South African legal system, the landlord can destroy a business by refusing to renew a lease. Business owners who placed their hopes on the new Consumer Protection Act (CPA) to control the unfettered power of their landlords seem to have been let down badly.*

*Many lease agreements between a tenant and a landlord, specifically for business owners, stipulate that the lease is only valid for an agreed time period. Many business owners neglect to incorporate provisions in the lease agreement to entitle them to a renewal of the lease upon termination. Other business owners negotiate a single renewal period which is also limited to an agreed period. Thus it cannot continue beyond that and will terminate.*

*The main purpose of the CPA is to protect the consumers. This is directed at small consumers i.e. individuals and possibly SMME's. The purpose of the Consumer Protection Act is not to protect corporations and larger businesses and the Minister has thus proclaimed a threshold equal to R2 Million (turnover and/or assets). If a business owner's annual turnover or assets is more than R2 Million it will exceed the threshold and the transaction between the business owner and the landlord will accordingly be exempted from the new Consumer Protection Act to a great extent.*

*The protection of small tenants has been watered down to such an extent that the CPA is virtually meaningless. Many business owners in the industry had hoped that the new law would bring relief to business tenants who suffer from the unfettered power of powerful landlords.*

*The final version of the CPA stipulates that leases will only be current if the tenant is a natural person, as opposed to a juristic person such as a Close Corporation or Company. The CPA has revolutionised the relationship between consumers and business. The law as it existed between consumers of fixed term contracts such as security company contracts, cell phone contracts and gym memberships are now allowing individual customers to cancel them with only 20 working days notice. Even though the CPA as a whole classifies Close Corporations and Companies with turnovers of less than R2 Million as consumers, the rules dealing with cancelations of fixed contracts specifically exclude juristic persons.*

*The relationship between a landlord and a tenant has accordingly changed significantly. Whether it is a fixed term contract or not, the validity thereof is now reduced to a twenty day period in which a landlord, if contracted with an individual consumer, can be assured of its lease agreement and its tenant.*

*Landlords who rely upon the income of a lease agreement for purposes of obtaining finance, will now face a position where financing institutions do not hold any value to a lease agreement contracted with an individual.*

*It is so that the CPA tried to counter the imbalance of the powers by giving small tenants the right of first refusal when the lease comes to the end. We anticipate that tenants will be faced with a position where they are extorted as the right of first refusal does not provide it with adequate protection. For example a new lease, upon the termination of the agreement, could be offered at*



© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

*R850 per m<sup>2</sup> instead of a similar or market related rent of R 100m<sup>2</sup> or a rent that may be presented to a possible new tenant. The right of first refusal will accordingly be extorted and easily bypassed. Because the CPA does not provide this specific remedy, the extortion of lease renewals will continue with impunity*

**Johan van Greunen**  
**Director**  
**Van Greunen & Associates Inc.**



*Van Greunen & Associates Inc.*

106 Panorama Avenue, Rooihuiskraal, Centurion 0157 • PO Box 68492, Highveld, 0169

Tel: +27 (0)12 661-2065 • Fax: +27 (0)12 661-5494 • Email: [info@vga.co.za](mailto:info@vga.co.za) • Website: [www.vga.co.za](http://www.vga.co.za)

Directors: J. Van Greunen • I.R. Steenekamp

VAT No.: 4230227680 • REG No.: 2007/015007/21

## ***Medically Speaking...***

### **CHILDREN AND COMPUTER VISION SYNDROME**

Computer use has become a routine part of children's lives. Recent surveys show that the average child spends one to three hours daily on a computer while surfing the Internet, doing homework, talking online with friends and playing video games. And children are starting to use computers at a younger age.

#### HOW IS ALL THIS COMPUTER USE AT A YOUNG AGE AFFECTING CHILDREN'S EYES?

Many eye doctors who specialize in children's vision say sustained computer use puts children at higher risk for childhood myopia (shortsightedness). Research seems to support this. A study of 253 children between the ages of 6 and 10 at the University of California at Berkeley School of Optometry found a strong correlation between the amount of time young children spend on the computer and their development of nearsightedness.

#### WHY CAN COMPUTERS BE HARD ON CHILDREN'S EYES?

Computer use strains the eyes more than reading a book or magazine because it's harder to maintain focus on computer-generated images than on printed images.

This is especially true for young children, whose visual system is not fully developed. According to the American Optometric Association, children may be especially vulnerable to computer-related vision problems because:

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

Children have a limited degree of self-awareness. They may perform a task on the computer for hours with few breaks. This prolonged activity can cause focusing and eyestrain problems. Children assume that what they see and how they see is normal – even if their vision is impaired or slowly deteriorating.

Children are smaller than adults. Because computer workstations are often arranged for adult use, this can increase the risk of children sitting too near the screen or adopting unusual postures that can lead to eyestrain and neck, shoulder and back strain.

#### HOW CAN WE PREVENT COMPUTER EYESTRAIN IN CHILDREN?

To help prevent your child from developing eyestrain and other CVS symptoms (including increasing myopia), follow these tips:

- Before they start school, make sure your children have a comprehensive eye exam--including an assessment of their near-point (computer and reading) vision skills.
- Make sure your child's computer workstation is arranged to suit body size. The screen should be a few inches below the child's eyes. The chair should be adjusted so arms are parallel with the desk surface and feet rest comfortably on the floor. These adjustments help avoid posture problems and strained muscles.
- Be aware of the signs and symptoms of vision problems, such as eye redness, frequent rubbing of the eyes, head turns and other unusual postures, or complaints of blurriness or eye fatigue. Avoidance of the computer or school work may also indicate a vision problem.

If you suspect your child may be developing a vision problem related to computer use, be sure to mention this when you make an appointment for an eye exam. Your optometrist may want to set aside extra time to perform tests specifically designed to detect computer vision problems.  
Spilkin Optometrists

#### NEW CPR (2011)

For adults, children and infants

- S = SAFETY (H: hazards, H: history, H: hello, H: help)  
C = COMPRESSIONS (compress the chest 30 times)  
A = AIRWAY (open the airway and look for obstruction)  
B = BREATHING (administer 2 breaths)

CARRY ON WITH CPR USING CAB: - 30 COMPRESSIONS, AIRWAY OPEN, BREATHE TWICE

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011



**C** 30 compressions at a rate of 100/min (adult: 2 hands, child: 1 hand, infant: 2 fingers)



**A** open the airway (head tilt chin lift)



**B** pinch the nose closed and administer 2 breaths (less air for children and infants)

**REPEAT THE ABOVE FOR 2 CYCLES OF 5 (AT LEAST 4 MINUTES)**

Remember your CPR mouth to mouth device for protection!

[www.firstaidleague.co.za](http://www.firstaidleague.co.za)

## **Preferred Suppliers - Gauteng**

If anyone has any good things to say about suppliers I would like to include them here. Lets support those who do a good job for the club. Similarly if anyone has had a bad experience lets share it and vote with our wallets by avoiding them.

### **DISCOUNTS:**

#### **1) FRONT RUNNER**

Front Runner will offer any club member, on production of their club card, a **5% discount** on the purchase of any Front Runner produced product. Call Wayne Coombe- Heath now.1 Forssman Close, Dytchley Road, Barbeque Downs, Kyalami - 011 466 0155 – [www.frontrunner.co.za](http://www.frontrunner.co.za)

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
 WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
 Tel: 012 541 6000



Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

## 2) 4x4 INSURANCE

Phillip Viljoen Insurance Brokers has a special deal for all 4x4 enthusiasts, if you tell him you saw this advert. Qualify for great discount. Contact [phillip@leisuresure.co.za](mailto:phillip@leisuresure.co.za) or on 083 306 5657 / Fax (012) 542 3564. Speak to Phillip (club member)

## 3) ISIBONELA ADVENTURES cc

Discount on:

- ALL Garmin GPS Products
- 29 Mhz & VHF Radios
- Windbags
- **FRONT RUNNER** products
- HID Spotlights
- and other 4x4 services & training. Send enquiry to [4x4offroad@mweb.co.za](mailto:4x4offroad@mweb.co.za)

## 4) SAFARI CENTRE - NEW MEMBERSHIP CARD DEAL

**5% discount when paying with a credit card & 10% discount for cash.**

Products excluded for discount:

- \* GPS's
- \* Leatherman products
- \* Any specials currently running
- \* Magazines, books, maps

## 5) KEMPTON CARAVANS - KEMPTON PARK - CLUB MEMBER BENEFITS

The discount to the 4x4 community and members of our club is **10% off their listed prices**. This will be on presentation of the club membership card. This shop has EVERYTHING. Customisation of tents etc. on site! Speak to Larry, Brian, Isobelle (club members) or any of the staff in the shop.

## 6) PB ENTERPRISES – HIGHEST QUALITY POWER SYSTEMS & INSTALLATIONS

Manufacturer of high quality Power Systems, Dual Battery Systems, Fully Equipped Battery Boxes, Power Converters & Battery Chargers for Trailers & Caravans, Solar- and Generator Amplification Chargers! They can definitely help you with the right electrical power products for ANY 4x4 vehicle, Off-road Trailer or Caravan/Camper.

Talk to the expert, Pieter Barnard, and **receive 5% discount on any of their products by supplying a copy of this page, PLUS the 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club receive a 3% donation**. Just **print out THIS PAGE**, and give them a call. Let them do everything right, the first time. Have a look at their website! [www.pbeproducts.co.za](http://www.pbeproducts.co.za)

Contact: Pieter Barnard / Tel/Fax: 012 658 5538

Mobile: 083 749 0445 / E-mail: [info@pbeproducts.co.za](mailto:info@pbeproducts.co.za)

## 7) BIG COUNTRY 4x4 – CUSTOMISED 4x4 FITMENTS AND PRODUCTION

**10% discount** for members on all manufactured products from our factory. Excludes labour costs. Please visit our website at [www.bigcountry.co.za](http://www.bigcountry.co.za) for more information, or even better come and discuss your requirements over a cup of tea. The factory is situated in Northriding right next door to Décor Park..... Big Country really can be your 1-stop shop for all your 4x4 equipment!





Supported by:

# SEPTEMBER 2011

Contact Richard on contact number is 011-795-9700 or [info@bigcountry4x4.com](mailto:info@bigcountry4x4.com)

## 8) TENT PURCHASES, REPAIRS AND CANVAS PRODUCTS

Tent repairs and custom made canvas accessories. Please check out our site at [www.caconcepts.co.za](http://www.caconcepts.co.za), we have heaps of info including Camping and Hiking checklists, Camping etiquette, Tips and gear maintenance to name a view.

We will gladly offer all club members 10% on all repairs and modifications as well as 10% on all products we distribute. Regret discount can be offered on products that are on promotion.

Contact Clive van der Vyver on [clive@caconcepts.co.za](mailto:clive@caconcepts.co.za) - Cell: 082 8225969

<http://www.caconcepts.co.za>

<http://www.canvasandtent.co.za>

**NO DISCOUNTS ARE APPLICABLE BELOW – BUT THESE ARE VALUED SUPPORTERS OF OUR CLUB!**

## 1) ECHO ACCESSORIES 4x4 CENTRE!

Visit Willie, Rochelle, Neil, Jacques or any one of the other professional representatives at the new Echo 4x4 Centre situated in the Route 21 Corporate Park, 9 Regency Avenue, Irene (off Nelmapius Drive (off the R21)).

Echo can supply you with all your 4x4 requirements from offroad trailers, quad bike trailers, Echo Chobe Campers, roof top and trailer top tents, full 4x4 fitment centre, custom products, 4x4 accessory shop, trailer rental and even more. Be sure to visit the new instore refreshment café.

**NO DISCOUNT OFFERED!**

Call 012 – 345 3333, Fax 012 345 3343 or email: [echoacc@mweb.co.za](mailto:echoacc@mweb.co.za).

Web: [www.echo4x4.co.za](http://www.echo4x4.co.za)

## 2) BOLTONS GPS WAREHOUSE / KEVIN BOLTON CONSULTANTS

For top deals, training and advice on GPS equipment contact Kevin (club member).

KJ BOLTON CONSULTANT cc

Contact Kevin @ 082 564 3639 or Marietjie 012-6549813

[kevin@gpsconsultants.co.za](mailto:kevin@gpsconsultants.co.za) / [marietjie@gpsconsultants.co.za](mailto:marietjie@gpsconsultants.co.za) / [www.gpsconsultants.co.za](http://www.gpsconsultants.co.za)

**NO DISCOUNT OFFERED! - DISCOUNTED PRICES AVAILABLE FROM ISIBONELA ADVENTURES cc (see first section)**

## 3) HONEYDEW TOYOTA & RV CENTRE

Contact Johan Kruger (club member) for all your Toyota and other accessories at their RV Centre. New Honeydew Toyota Showroom (opposite THE COCA COLA DOME) - refer [http://www.honeydewtoyota.ix.co.za/lmg\\_upload\\_departments/3674\\_441636.gif](http://www.honeydewtoyota.ix.co.za/lmg_upload_departments/3674_441636.gif) for map. Address is Olievenhout Street, off Northumberland, which runs parallel with the N1 & the R28.

**PIONEER PLASTICS**  
*Anything's Possible*  
WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS  
[www.pioneerplastics.co.za](http://www.pioneerplastics.co.za)  
Tel: 012 541 6000

© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.



Supported by:

SEPTEMBER 2011

**Editor:**

*Alan*

**Alan Goodway (GP 1796)**

*Owner - 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club (Gauteng)  
Partner - Isibonela Adventures cc  
Registered DEAT Cultural Tourist Guide - National  
Professional 4x4 Trail & Overland Guide - National  
Registered Assessor (TETA US)  
Member - SA National Offroad Training Association  
Member - 4 Wheel Drive Guides Association SA  
Bridgestone Ambassador 2008, 2009, 2010  
CAPESTORM Ambassador 2010, 2011*

*Regular Contributor – Offroad & Outdoor E-Zine / SA 4x4 / Bridgestone's Going Places Magazine  
/ Cross Country Insurance X-Club Web Site*

***\*About This Newsletter\****

*Our Newsletters are only sent to people who have subscribed - if you have received this in error then please accept our apologies. If you no longer wish to receive our Newsletter, please feel free to unsubscribe by sending a BLANK email with REMOVE in the subject line*

A banner for Pioneer Plastics with a yellow background. The text 'PIONEER PLASTICS' is in large blue letters. Below it, 'Anything's Possible' is written in a blue script font. Underneath that, 'WE SPECIALISE IN CUSTOM MOULDINGS' and 'www.pioneerplastics.co.za' are in white. At the bottom, 'Tel: 012 541 6000' is in white. The banner features images of various custom mouldings, including a red and blue cooler, a blue storage box, and a person using a tool on a moulding.

© Copyright 2007-2008, Isibonela Adventures - To use materials please acknowledge the source. Offroad & Outdoor e-Zine is collated from many sources and may not represent nor constitute endorsement by Isibonela Adventures and 4x4 Offroad Adventure Club SA.