

Boschhoek Update April 2014

Nature Reigns at Boschhoek!!

Let the pictures tell the story...





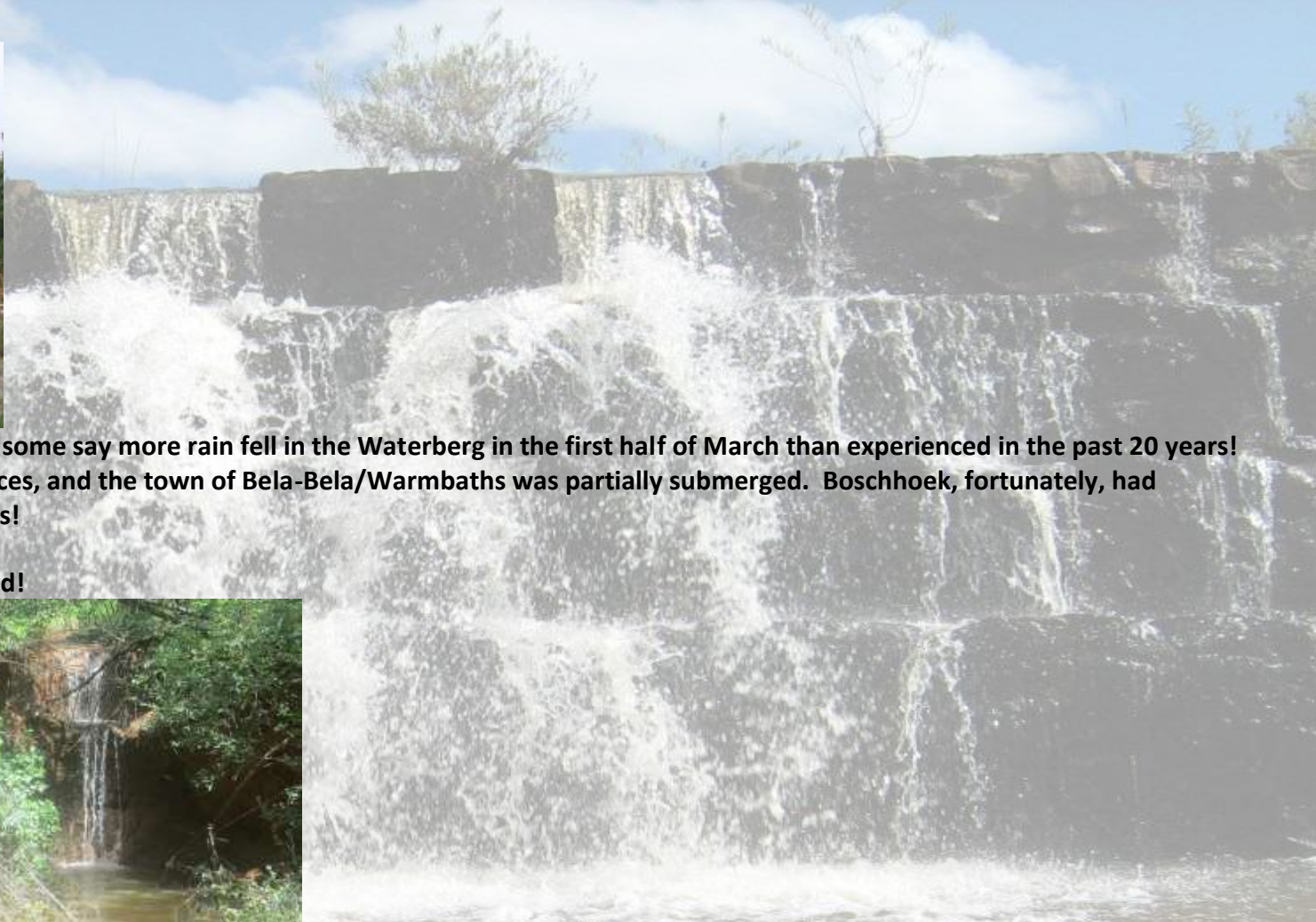
240mm was measured on Boschhoek alone, and some say more rain fell in the Waterberg in the first half of March than experienced in the past 20 years! National roads were washed away in several places, and the town of Bela-Bela/Warmbaths was partially submerged. Boschhoek, fortunately, had minimal damage - a real compliment to our roads!

After the rains, Boschhoek is something to behold!

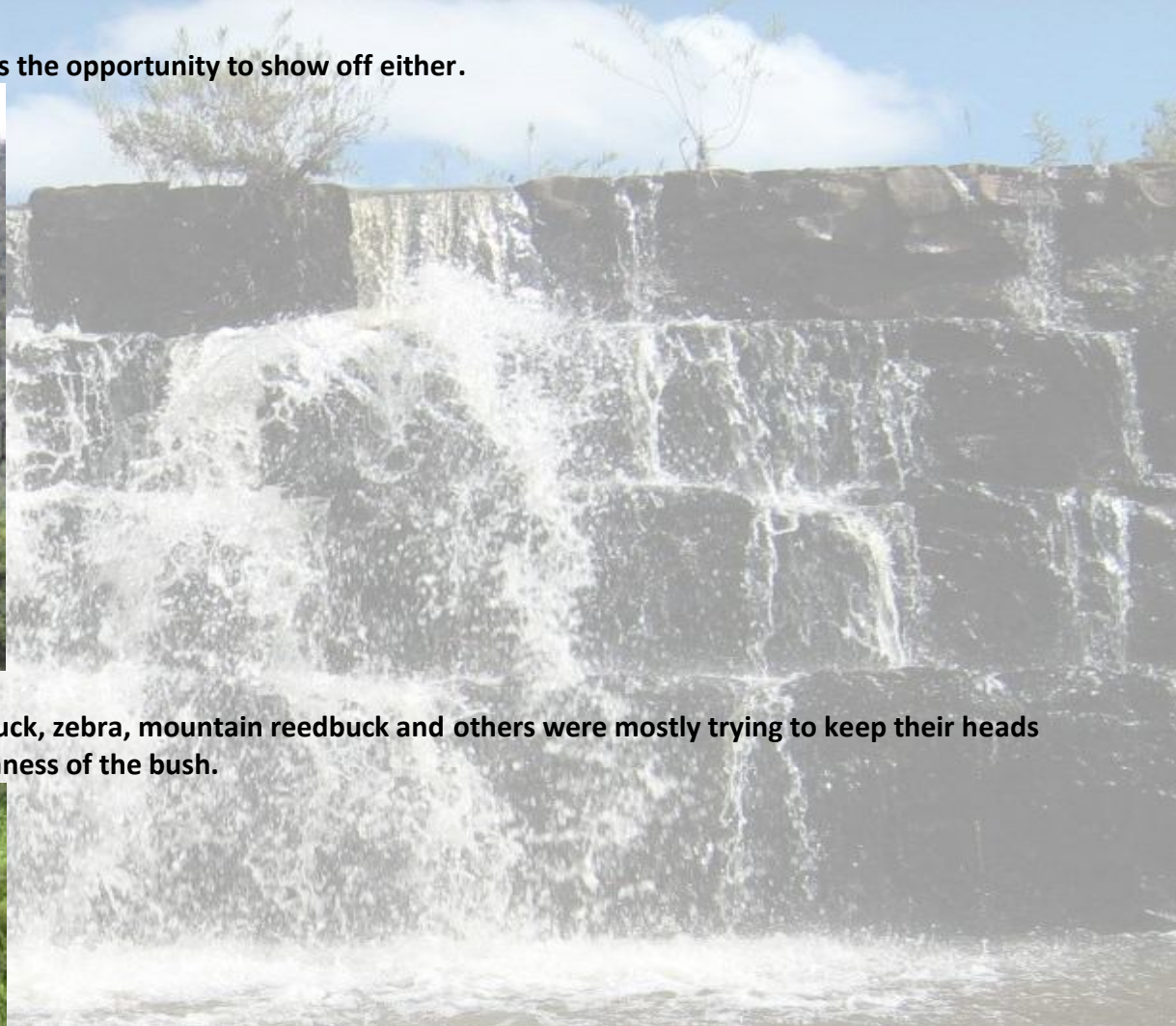


The waterfall at Ochre Krantz cascades into a pool below, creating a welcome al fresco shower after a stiff hike up Rocky Creek, a stream of pools linked by waterfall after waterfall.

Streams spring from the ground in the most unexpected places,



and Boschhoek's main falls in the eastern wilderness area didn't miss the opportunity to show off either.



Whilst our eland, kudu, waterbuck, bushbuck, red hartebeest, blesbuck, zebra, mountain reedbuck and others were mostly trying to keep their heads dry, some have been revelling in every moment, feasting on the lushness of the bush.



Even the ants eat everything!



Lily-trotters trot away during daytime,



and a brief flash of owl provides some insight at night.



On to enjoying Boschhoek, Keith's house at Fountain View is practically complete,



while Simon's at Oxwagon Trail is seeing its foundations coming out of the ground.

These are the first to be realised of a substantial number of plans that our control architect Gerd Bolt has received and approved so far, setting the scene for a busy year. Remember to contact him at bolt@mweb.co.za for your planning info pack when dreaming up your bush home.

Whilst standard construction is perfectly acceptable, Boschhoek invokes our adventurous self when planning our abode. It's not often that one has the chance to create the bush opposite of our city homes, imploring us to kick off our shoes and become one with nature!



Plastered sandbags, rock gabions, plastered straw bales, rammed earth, corrugated iron, wood and canvas are but some of the materials that one could consider, as also set out in <http://www.boschhoekmountain.co.za/files/June%202012.pdf>



A lattice wall, filled with rock or another medium kept moist during the hot hours of the day, acts as an amazing natural air conditioner. Cover it with a canvas screen against drafts at night, and it becomes an equally efficient heater radiating the sun's stored energy. To top it all, it should only cost you a fraction of a conventional wall! Metal piping in the boma floor to heat water and a donkey boiler in the braai chimney are some of the other original ideas that our owners came up with.

For roofs, there are an equally astonishing number of options - also have a look at <http://www.boschhoekmountain.co.za/files/October%202012.pdf>

For more bush lodge ideas, look at <http://www.boschhoekmountain.co.za/Bush%20Lodges.html>, <http://www.ccarchitects.co.za/pdf/SATechBushArch1.pdf> and <http://www.ccarchitects.co.za/pdf/SATechBushArch2.pdf>, get googling and get going with some original thinking!

Back on Boschhoek, the Wild Fig, our clubhouse down on the savanna, is receiving its roof,



and we would like to give credit to our builder Piet Roos from Foxtail Construction piet@foxtail.co.za for contributing his extensive bush building experience towards hassle free construction. Work is also under way at our main entrance, with the gabion walls at Fountains Circle in Pretoria partly serving as inspiration.



Individual access codes for the automated gates will be issued to our owners shortly.

Our Estate Manager Jandre Higgs has, amongst his other occupations, several commissions for gravel beds and evaporation ponds for wastewater disposal at individual bush lodges.



This in essence is a self contained french drain, completely blending with nature once covered in vegetation. Contact him for information at jandre@boschhoekmountain.co.za

Setting Boschhoek's wheels in motion, it now also boasts its own four wheel drive tractor



to tow our 10 000 litre stainless steel water tanker in the mountains, both proudly donated by the developer. In addition, Jandre is currently acquiring a slasher and other maintenance equipment on behalf of our Home Owners Association. Thanks to limited expenses, the HOA has built up an impressive cash reserve despite the monthly levy of only R500.



Keep an eye out for our regular full page ads in **Beeld**, **COUNTRY LIFE** and **4x4** that continue to bear fruit at an astonishing rate. February once again boasted a sale per week, including a bush loving French family - "*Soyez les bienvenus, Jean-Pierre et Virginie!*" This takes us to a total fast approaching 80 stands sold and transferred. There are currently around another 40 stunning bush properties to choose from, with a good number still available at R449 000. Whilst this may entitle you to full ownership of a 1-2 hectare bush property and 1500 hectares in which to roam, it's really about rediscovering your inner self in nature. A soul refreshing quality of life for generations to come amongst breathtaking mountain scenery, of which only around a quarter percent is to be developed. 10 years to start with your bush home and freedom of design and size allows you to build at nature's pace. Close enough to the city for a quick day visit, tucked away in the mountains to be lost to the world. Most of all, Boschhoek has gathered together the most amazing group of bush loving people. Thank you to each and every one of you!

Don't hesitate to contact me should you wish Jandre to take you out and share some of Boschhoek with you. Do combine it with a delectable light lunch at Leeuwenhof Country Lodge and Garden Spa next door, and make a lovely day outing of it!

It's fitting to bow out now, knowing that nature does reign at Boschhoek!



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