



MABALINGWE™
COMMON PROPERTY ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY
2021

FROM THE EDITOR...

Perhaps a tad belated, but compliments of the season to our owners and stakeholders – may 2021 be a happy and successful year for you and your families, both personally and professionally. The festive season is now in the rearview mirror and we are well on our way to the March long weekend and the Easter holidays. A full schedule of activities will run over these getaway periods at the various Shareblock entertainment areas, Kalahari Oasis and at the Caravan Park.

Ever since the relaxation of COVID restrictions around local travel, Mabalingwe has been a hive of activity with high occupancy rates in all types of accommodation on offer. The varied entertainment options and facilities continue to be well used and enjoyed by visitors and owners alike.

Just as the calendar changes so do the seasons and we'll shortly be feeling the slight nip in the air as autumn comes in and the colour of the veld and the foliage changes.

It's also AGM season for many of the Bodies Corporate and there is always much to discuss. The COVID lockdown and on-going travel restrictions put the game owners under pressure last year with limited options for the controlling of numbers of game - we will have to wait and see what "surprises" 2021 will bring. Fortunately, the good rains in January and February have turned the veld a lush green and there is a bounty of food and water for the animals. Winter looms however, and while water supplies should hold out well during our coldest and driest months, the grazing impact on the veld needs careful management. The MCPA use the services of an Environmental Consultant to assist with land and game management issues.

The New Year has also heralded in a new Chairman of the MCPA, Johan van Niekerk who takes over the reins from Jan Zeederberg. Jan will remain serving as a Board Member and is an integral part, and driving force, in Friends of Mabalingwe and Ludum. On behalf of all role players, our deepest thanks and appreciation go to Jan - he has put his time, effort, expertise and money behind many projects and endeavours, all of which have been to the long-term benefit of the Greater Mabalingwe. Take a bow Jan - you are a legend and we salute you!

Here's hoping the Easter Bunny (or an Easter Hare) finds you all wherever you may be. Until the next time,

Sandy



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Front Cover Photo:
Water cascades over
the road and down
into the valley at
Klipspringer Dam



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FROM THE MCPA

SECURITY

2020 saw several break-ins in Mabalingwe. Of the total number of break-ins:

- 93% occurred in the northern Bodies Corporate
- 93% occurred in units that had no alarm linked to the Control Room
- 78% were units that were being rented
- 56% were unforced
- 93% were unforced entries where rentals were in residence

Mabalingwe was not the only estate that experienced break-ins. Every neighbouring estate has had similar incursions with exactly the same methods being used by the perpetrators.

For this reason, Mabalingwe, Elements, Waterberg Estate, Highlands, Zwartkloof and Thaba Moriri have decided to join forces to deter criminal activities in our area. The collaboration is in the form of a Neighbourhood Watch and we will assist each other with patrols and back-up in the event of criminal activity. This collaboration has already borne fruit, with the gaining of valuable information on a possible suspect for the police to pursue.

DRONE SECURITY PROGRAMME

The drone programme has been in operation for a total of 20 weeks, with the 12-week Pilot Project having successfully run from early October 2020 to late December 2020. Since the completion of the pilot project, the drone programme has focused on setting up Standard Operating Procedures and training of the MCPA's permanent drone team. The two MCPA drone pilots have passed their Remote Pilot License exams and we are waiting for their official licenses to be issued by the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA). They have also undergone advanced training with *Drone Guards* and have been rated as excellent pilots. They are actively flying random patrols at random times in addition to regular patrol patterns. During their training period, they were flying, on average, 11 flights every weekend with a noticeable drop in the number of incidents during those times.



FROM THE MCPA

ALARMS

The MCPA urges all owners to have monitored protection of their properties and for themselves and guests. The vast majority of incidents are reported on Mabalingwe occur in homes that have no monitored security system.

Videofied has been shown to be the most effective system but due to the high cost, a professionally installed, traditional alarm system that links to the MCPA Control Room in some way, is a suitable alternative.

The more monitoring and protection there is the less likely Mabalingwe will be perceived as a soft target.

The MCPA sees security as one of its top priorities. Current measures are constantly being reviewed and additional resources and finances are supplied to assist in combatting this common threat. However, there is growing resistance from owners who have gone to the time and cost of installing security systems to be continually financially supporting those owners who refuse to do the same.

With your assistance and cooperation, we strive to make Mabalingwe as safe and enjoyable as possible.

Should you require information or assistance please contact Ashley Theron at our control room.

BODY CORPORATE AGM'S

Please note the following dates of the various Body Corporate AGM's.

Mabalingwe 8	13 February 2021
Mabalingwe 4	27 February 2021
Mabalingwe 2	6 March 2021
Mabalingwe 10	13 March 2021 (Zoom Meeting)
Mabalingwe 3	7 April 2021
Mabalingwe 8	17 April 2021
Mabalingwe 6	15 May 2021



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GAME RESERVE

MGR A PRIVATELY OWNED ENTITY WITHIN THE GREATER MABALINGWE WHICH OWNS AND OPERATES THE CARAVAN PARK AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES, THE PREDATOR PARK, RENTAL ACCOMMODATION AND OFFERS GAME DRIVES AND HORSE RIDING.

WHAT HAPPENED DECEMBER 2020

We were truly fortunate to have a lot of bookings in the december holidays and what fun it was. Guests were able to break away from their busy lifestyles to come and relax in the bushveld, partake in some of our exciting activities and joined in on the family fun at the caravan park. If guests weren't busy with boeresport or a strong man competition, they were out and about shooting archery.

Not only did we entertain them with a holiday program but also had some upgrades in our r&r buffalo bar. With the new kitchen, guest can now sit down, enjoy a lovely bar-style meal with their drinks or order take-aways... And don't forget the pizzas!



WORLD WILDLIFE WEEK (1 - 7 MARCH 2021)

As we all know world wildlife day is on the 3rd of march and at mabalingwe game reserve we are not only creating awareness but also educating our guests on our endangered wildlife species. We have decided to dedicate the entire week to our wildlife. We welcome school groups for a free educational experience on tuesday and thursday at our predator park and we are also running a promotion for all our guests. Saving our wildlife is one of our top priorities and it is important to us that our guests not only have a relaxing getaway, but also have an educational experience.

EASTER WEEKEND (2 - 5 APRIL 2021)

The weekend will be packed with fun activities for children and adults alike! We will start the weekend off with a fun but not too easy treasure hunt that will allow the top 3 competitors to win amazing prizes. After an adventurous Saturday, it's time to have a relaxing Sunday. Our predator feed will kick the day off and an Easter service will be held for those who would like to attend at 10:00 am. To keep the tradition alive, we will end the day with an Easter egg hunt for the children. **Let the hunt begin!**



PREDATOR *Park*



The name mabalingwe was reshaped from the tswana word “mabala” meaning spot and “ya ingwe” meaning of the leopard and today the leopards still roam free on the reserve. Mabalingwe’s predator park started with only 3 lions and grew to more than 10 different predator species with the support from people like you. We believe that conservation is based on the very basic principle of respect for animals and creation. The money generated from our predator park goes straight into the conservation efforts of mabalingwe. Managing wildlife comes with a big responsibility and we put in a great deal of effort to understand the ecology, biology, and genetics in order to cater for the general welfare of every animal.

All the animals are monitored and have registered microchips with their dna profile on record according to sapa’s rules and regulations.

GAME DRIVES



Guests visit the game reserve to have a relaxing getaway in nature and to view the wildlife. To make it more comfortable, we offer game drives for any type of guests such as morning drives, bird drives, walk and drive, sunset drive, and night drives. Although guests are more than welcome to do their own drive in the reserve, it is a different experience to have a qualified game ranger show you around and share their knowledge.

HORSE RIDING



Horse riding has always been a great activity for our guests and that is why we are in the process of not just improving the experience for guests but for our horses as well. Our stables were damaged previously by some elephant visits, making it difficult for the horses to stay there at night but fortunately we worked quick and have made some changes to prevent this from happening again. The upgraded stables should be complete by the end of February 2021.

We also have some good news and have welcomed two new foals. They were both born during the COVID-19 lockdown and have received the names Covid and Pandemic. We are excited to introduce them to our guest in the next month.



All bookings for activities associated with Mabalingwe Game Reserve should be made through their reservation’s office near the Main Gate or by calling 082 464 0744 or 014 736 9000 or emailing info@boschpoort.co.za

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MABALINGWE ROADS

Herewith a summary of the rules with regards to using the roads on Mabalingwe.

- Owners may traverse on the roads of other properties in accordance with the map below - the map is also attached for ease of use

- Game drive vehicles must be:
 - a. A dark green game viewing type vehicle approved by the MCPA
 - b. Registered and displaying a red dot number plate issued by the MCPA (at a current cost of R240 for a set of number plates)
 - c. Limited to carry 12 peopleTo register your vehicle, please contact Ashley Theron (systems@wpmproperties.co.za).

- Public road legislation applies on all roads in Mabalingwe.

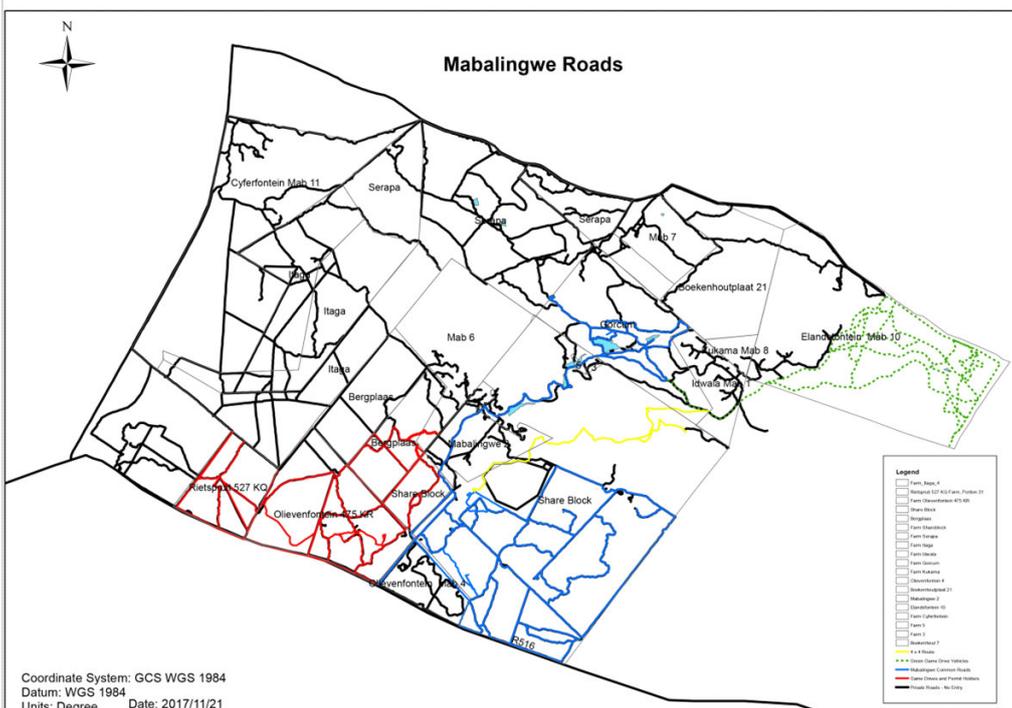
- The following activities are not allowed:
 - a. Braai's and picnic's in game viewing areas unless marked for such purpose
 - b. The carrying of any type of firearm or weapon
 - c. Hunting of any kind
 - d. Fishing
 - e. Collection of wood for any purpose

- 5. Privacy of homes must be respected

- 6. Keep to all posted speed limits and observe all No Entry signs.

- 7. Keep noise to an absolute minimum at all times.

- 8. Do not litter.



IT'S ALL ABOUT NATURE, FAMILY, FUN AND MAKING MEMORIES



EDITION: *Festive Feb*

2020 wasn't the easiest of years, as we have all come to learn, and for now, the lay of the land for 2021 is somewhat uncertain. One thing is guaranteed, the greater-Mabalingwe environment is here to enrich our lives with all its splendour, beauty and calmness. The world around us might be in a frenzy, but our "little heaven on earth" brings with it, serenity and a sense of natural wonder. It caresses our soul and reinvigorates us as human beings to be stronger, better and happier! Let us start this year, even though already well on its way, on a clean slate and usher in 2021 with positive new energy.



I DON'T KNOW "BOET", *I just want Pizza!*

Kalahari Oasis Bush Pub has a new pizza oven, which was installed mid-January 2021. You and your family can now enjoy delectable and authentic wood-fired oven pizza, while enjoying a refreshing "cold one" after a tedious journey or even enjoy a sundowner with your "Swaer", because "Boet" just wants pizza.

SUMMER RAIN AT MABALINGWE ON FULL DISPLAY

There is nothing quite as wonderful as the fresh scent of wet African soil lingering after the rain. The lush green bushveld, the birds chirping, the air crisp and the wildlife in abundance. During January and February, Mabalingwe experienced consistent heavy rains, due to the tropical storm, Eloise, reaching South African shores. The WP Wessels Dam, as well as the other smaller dams and streamlets on the property, nicely filled up to the brim because of the torrential downpour. This brought with it some great game-viewing opportunities with all critters, small and big, coming out from hiding and roaming around the property. You and your family can experience these sightseeing wonders, too, at Mabalingwe with one of our Game Rangers. Book a Game Drive and experience the magnificence of the Mabalingwe biome after the rain!

Email: contactus@mabalingwe.com
Tel: +27 (0) 14 001 7011.

DAY DRIVES

Summer

September- April
06:30-08:30 | 10:00-12:00

Winter

May- August
07:00-09:00 | 10:00-12:00

NIGHT DRIVES

Summer

September- April
16:30-18:30 | 19:30-21:30

Winter

May- August
16:00-18:00 | 19:00-21:00

CONTACT US

TIMESHARE RECEPTION:

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Le Fera's New Menu

Good things come to those who wait – from sourcing ingredients to the enjoyment of a long, unhurried meal. Le Fera at Mabalingwe will take great care to freshly prepare your meal, but a friendly reminder that good food does take time to prepare. Le Fera at Mabalingwe launched their fresh new menu in December of last year. Come, try some old-time favourites or join us for one of the scrumptious new items on the menu. Also, what's better than ending a lovely meal with something sweet and delicious, just remember cakes are healthy too, you just need to keep it balanced with a slice in each hand! Keep your eyes on our Facebook page during March and April for some hot foodie deals and our Easter EGGtravaganza at Le Fera.

Pop in at Le Fera and enjoy a tasty meal with a magnificent view of one of the many dams on the property. Open daily.



For more information on any of the above, and more, please contact

Timeshare Reception: 014 001 7001

contactus@mabalingwe.com



RELAX, RENEW AND REFRESH WITH

Mbali Day Spa

After the whirlwind of a year that 2020 was, we are quite sure some 'me-time' is on your agenda for 2021. This is the year to start investing in yourself and to look after your health. What better time than now to go for a revitalising spa treatment to relax and forget about the woes of yesterday. How does the phrase go: "You're only one massage away from a good mood". **Take advantage of the upcoming March and April specials:**

Operating Hours: 09:00 – 18:00 Daily

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL: 014 001 7011 | mbali@mabalingwe.com

Book a
HONEYBUSH FACIAL
with a MASSAGE
and receive a
COMPLIMENTARY
FOOT MASSAGE

R240
60 MINUTES

MBALI
day spa



Say YES to a sweet, 60 minute escape in the month of March

This is valid only for the month of March 2021

A relaxing EGG-scape
for your Easter break

BOOK
FOOT AND LEG MASSAGE
OR
BACK AND NECK MASSAGE

R250 | 30 MIN

This is valid only for the month of April 2021



RAINFALL

The following table shows rainfall figures from 2017 to mid-February* 2021.

Month	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Jan	264	112	175	153	116
Feb	94	107	81	48	72*
Mar	25	92	17	24	
Apr	28	32	109	97	
May	15	21	18	0	
Jun	0	0	0	0	
Jul	1	2	16	0	
Aug	0	0	0	0	
Sept	0	0	0	2	
Oct	60	11	4	60	
Nov	95	44	163	120	
Dec	67	148	111	177	
Total	649	569	694	681	188

Our dam levels are proof of the excellent rainfall we have had on Mabalingwe this season and this bodes well for the dry winter period.

Owners may have noticed that Gorcum Dam was being drained to a level below the dam wall. Concerns over the integrity of the structure had been raised and efforts were underway to have some repair work done on the wall. The rains have filled up all of the dams, not only Gorcum and the process of draining Gorcum Dam and drying out the area before repair work can commence will have to be restarted. It is not anticipated that the work will be completed before August/September 2021.

UPGRADE TO SEWAGE PLANT

While on the way to or from Gorcum Dam, owners may have noticed earthworks on one side of the road. This is a continuation of Timeshare's project to upgrade and improve their effluent and sewerage treatment system. The project is near completion.



IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

Mabalingwe Control Room	24/7 service & alarm monitoring - Report fires - Report Service problems - Report Security problems controlroom@wbpm.co.za systems@wpmproperties.co.za	014 001 7240 083 272 4851 082 546 9052
Police SAPS Bela Bela		014 736 9700
Ambulance Provincial Hospital	Provincial Ambulance Bela Bela Bela Bela Provincial Hospital	014 736 2121 014 736 2121
St Vincent Private Hospital	Private hospital in Bela Bela	014 736 2310
Trauma	Private ambulance service	014 736 2831
Medlin Pharmacy	Weekdays 08:30 – 18:00 Saturdays 08:30 – 13:30 Sundays and Holidays 10:30 – 12:00	014 736 2285
Van Heerden Pharmacy	Weekdays 08:00 – 19:00 Saturdays 08:00 – 12:00 & 17:00 – 19:00 Sundays and Holidays 10:00 – 12:00 & 17:00 – 19:00	014 736 2301
Drs Bergh & Coertze Drs Emslie & De Jonge Drs Grobler & De Villiers	Local doctors based in Bela Bela Local doctors based in Bela Bela Local doctors based in Bela Bela	014 736 2290 014 736 2032 014 736 2220
Timeshare Reception Game Drives and Activities	Office hours 07:00 – 22:00 Information and bookings at Shareblock	014 001 7011 014 001 7011
Game Drives and Activities	Information and bookings at Caravan Park & Predator Park bookings	014 736 6090 014 001 7010
Timeshare Restaurant	Breakfast: 07:00 – 11:00 Lunch: 11:00 – 15:30 Dinner: 18:30 – 21:30	014 736 9019
Farm Shop 014 001 7011	Mondays to Thursdays 09:00 – 17:00 Fridays 09:00 – 19:00 Saturdays 09:00 – 17:00 Sundays 08:00 – 16:00	
Vultures View Bar 014 001 7011	Mondays to Sundays 10:00 – 20:00	
Caravan Park, Shop and Liquor Store	Shop, takeaways, liquor store Caravan Park reservations	014 736 6090 014 001 7010

