



Mziki

PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE

NEWSLETTER

**Hello to our fellow shareholders, family and friends of Mziki Private Nature Reserve.
Welcome to our first quarterly newsletter!**

It's hard to believe we have less than five months until Christmas. The year has already been bustling with activities and initiatives aimed at preserving our beautiful natural sanctuary. Conservation remains at the heart of our mission, and it is through our collective efforts that we can maintain Mziki Private Nature Reserve as the extraordinary haven it is. In the coming months there will be dehorning and game counts taking place on the reserve as well as a review of key items by the board, including protocols and

security enhancements. From staff to volunteers, every team member plays a crucial role in the protection of our unique wildlife and habitats. Together, we continue to create a thriving environment for both our visitors and the incredible species that call Mziki home. We are excited to launch the Mziki Private Nature Reserve Website which will serve as a useful place for latest news and helpful documents for members and visitors.

MPNR BOARD UPDATES:

Since the new board of Mziki Private Nature Reserve has been formed we have been working very hard to discuss, plan and instigate a new way forward to enhance the reserve and give improved value to all owners. Please have a seat, take a deep breath, and enjoy the updates we would like to share with you.

This quarterly newsletter and the website was created and funded by PNKG PTY LTD (Phil, Nick, Keith & Greg). We hope you like it, and we look forward to your valuable inputs to make these communication tools work for you. This project was headed up by Kerry-Ann Love. We thank her for the effort put into its creation and the continued time she will spend on this project.

The below points are key items the board are busy actioning to deliver value to all owners:

1. **Security Risk Assessment** - Drones with Fence alarms and guards (Greg Morris/PNKG)
2. **Finances** - (Chris Kohler)
3. **Recruitment of New Reserve Staff** - (Dawie van Staden, Manuela Pallamar, Greg Morris/PNKG)
4. **Uniforms for Staff** - (Greg Morris/PNKG)
5. **Owner Game Vehicle Stickers** - Identification Stickers for Owner's Game vehicles (Greg Morris/PNKG)
6. **North Gate Grand Refurbishment & Security Guards** (Greg Morris/PNKG)
7. **MPNR Newsletter & Website** (Greg Morris/PNKG)
8. **Additional Cheetah** - Two new male cheetahs are imminently arriving at the reserve and will be a permanent fixture - permits allowing (Manuela Pallamar & Greg Morris/PNKG)
9. **On site mechanic and workshop** - based on the reserve for all vehicles (private and reserve owned) (Dawie van Staden & Greg Morris/PNKG)
10. **Purchase of MPNR TLB (tractor-loader-backhoe)** - (Dawie van Staden & Greg Morris /PNKG)
11. **Purchase of MPNR staff vehicles** - two new vehicles (Doc. Dawie & Greg Morris/ PNKG)
12. **Renovation of Tom Ainsley's Property** - based at Northgate for new staff. We thank Tom Ainsley immensely for the donation of this property. (Dawie van Staden & Greg Morris/PNKG)
13. **MPNR Board WhatsApp Group** - This allows the board to make immediate, and voted upon decisions, which has been revolutionary
14. **Updating of the MOI and Reserve Rules and Regulations** - This is being funded by PNKG as a private donation to the reserve and being written and legalised by a leading commercial lawyer. (Phil Morris/PNKG, Chris Kohler, External law firm)

The MPNR Board are in the process of securing a company loan to the value of two million rand. Chris Kohler is heading this up with First National Bank. The Board has established that the finances of the reserve will cover this, including the loan repayments. There are also fund generating activities planned such as: planned hunting income (older animals which includes buffalo). If required, Manuela Pallamar, Dawie van Staden and PNKG (Phil, Nick, Keith & Greg) will input cash if required in a financial emergency.

MPNR Loan/Funding will be for the below Items:

1. Purchase of MPNR TLB
2. Purchase of MPNR staff vehicles
3. Security Improvements
4. Refurbishment of staff accommodation at North Gate
5. On site mechanic and workshop
6. Cash flow for MPNR initiatives
7. North gate "Grand" reserve entrance (South Gate will become redundant) The lack of north gate functionality, and the time it has taken to fix this problem is an embarrassment to the board and for that, all 9 board members apologise, the ball was dropped. You will see over the coming weeks that "North Gate" will undergo a full transformation becoming, to a reserve of our standing. This is being privately funded by PNKG as a donation to the reserve, and overseen by Greg, with the input of the board. If you have any questions at all please do speak to the board member that represents your community

OUR GAME & RESERVE UPDATES:



Edie the Cheetah: Our newest resident

Edie the Cheetah has made a remarkable journey from Australia to Africa and is now officially released on the reserve. Edie was born in captivity at the Wild Cat Conservation Centre in Australia, where she was raised to develop the essential instincts for survival in the wild. Her rewilding journey has been a success, thanks to our partnerships with the Wild Cat Conservation Centre and The Metapopulation Initiative.

Now thriving in her new home at Mziki Private Nature Reserve, Edie is adapting beautifully to the African wilderness. She has made four kills herself: two reedbuck, one impala and one waterbuck which is great to see she is not a fussy eater. Please go to the Members and Directors page on the website to download Edie's Viewing Guidelines.

Rhino Update

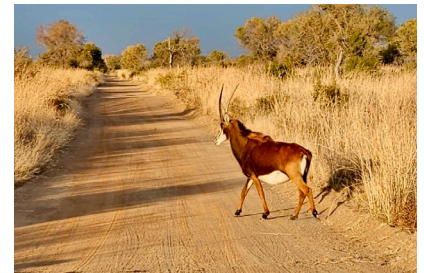


Our White Rhinoceros (*Ceratotherium simum*) in the reserve require ongoing protection, forming a major part of our game management. Dehorning is done approximately every 18 months. Wessels & Louise from Rhino Save & Protect are keen sponsors and supply the aerial assistance. A donation of tracking devices was facilitated by Wessels. The last dehorning in June 2024 was sponsored by the Scottish Rugby team "The Glasgow Rangers". These devices are placed in the ears of the rhinos and enable us to track them via satellite signal. Gerhardus Scheepers is the very enthusiastic vet from Brits who is responsible for dehorning. The next dehorning is planned for August 2024.

Sable Antelope Family: Making the reserve their home

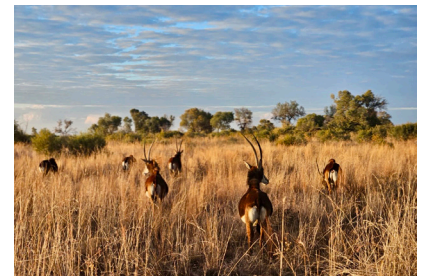
With their astonishing horns and painted faces, Sable Antelope are one of Africa's most iconic species. They are under threat due to habitat destruction and trophy hunting.

A herd of twenty-two Sable Antelope (*Hippotragus niger*) were released into the reserve (one male Sable). The herd has successfully had three babies with one on the way.



Fun fact: Sable antelope horns can grow up to 1.6 metres in length

To put 1.6 metres into perspective, it's roughly the same length as an elephant's tusk. Sable grow these horns over an entire lifetime. Each year they develop a new ring, so the sable's horns can be used to determine age.



Game Numbers in the reserve as at September 2023:

Blesbok - 177	Eland - 17	Jackal - 6	Red Hartebeest - 91	Warthog - 116
Blue wildebeest - 327	Elephant - 9	Kudu - 82	Reedbuck - 7	Waterbuck - 94
Buffalo - 80	Giraffe - 51	Nyala - 31	Rhino	Zebra - 68
Duiker - 3	Impala - 401	Ostrich - 31	Steenbuck - 3	

The next game count is planned for the end of winter 2024.



Security on the Reserve

Security is always at the forefront of everybody's mind on the reserve, for our game, lodge owners and guests. It is of paramount importance that all possible measures are taken to ensure safety within the reserve, and the board will continue to ensure all measures to support this end are in place. We would like to introduce uniforms for all staff members that are on the reserve.

Of course, staff can wear what they like within owners' private lodges, but for security reasons, it is vitally important that before entering the reserve (and whilst on the reserve) that an identifying uniform is always being worn. Please speak to your group director if assistance is required for uniform purchases. We would appreciate it if this is in place by the end of September 2024.

There are many security suggestions being discussed by the board as a priority. Please rest assured that there will be definitive decisions made, in the short term, that will be relayed to all owners from the board.

Hunting:

Hunting will be conducted during the winter months. A comprehensive Game Management & Hunting Protocol with separate Indemnity Form is available for all hunters. A few foreign shareholders will be visiting the reserve in July and August 2024 for hunting of mainly buffalo. A variety of other plains game, 67 in total are also available. Capturing of trophy animals and auctioning for substantial price is something being researched. Ecology surveys are being done on a regular basis, with a game ranch management student currently doing it under the auspices of Danie van Eeden our ecologist.

Driving in the Reserve & Game Vehicles:

There have been instances where guests have required help in reserve when getting stuck, lost or required other assistance. The board has discussed the below guidelines and rules when driving within the reserve to ensure better safety, security and accountability within the reserve. Please could owners ensure their guests abide by the below guidelines and rules:

1. No-one should be driving on their own within the reserve without at least 20 hours driving experience within the reserve.
2. Ensure that every vehicle has spare tyres/jacks/first aid kit/radio/torch etc.
3. Each vehicle is required to have a radio in working condition by no later than end September 2024.
4. Each owner will be given a Mziki Reserve Game Vehicle sticker which will identify his/her vehicle.
5. All guests/drivers must remain on main roads, do not attempt river crossings, and abide by the reserve rules.
6. All guests/drivers must have had a brief from owners on how to approach animals, what to do if surrounded by large game, and how to view Edie, the cheetah.
7. Please ensure you share any sightings or emergencies on channel 2 on your radio.
8. Please ensure game vehicles are clearly marked and identifiable.

Ultimately, it is the responsibility of owner/s to ensure their guests remain safe on the reserve and know what to do if they encounter a problem. Driving outside of the reserve with your open game vehicle is at your own

PROPERTY & LAND UPDATES:

Mziki 8 & 9

As many shareholders will be aware, Mziki 8 & 9 was recently purchased by a consortium of investors that are also owners of other properties on the Mziki Private Nature Reserve. The purpose of the acquisition of this land was to drive additional investment into Mziki through the sale of land to new shareholders, development of new lodges for private use and subsequently the collection of additional levies as properties are complete.

To date, two lots of 10,000 m2 land areas have been cleared on Mziki 8 & 9, in the allotted areas to showcase potential land to new investors. The owners of Mziki 8 & 9 are considering many options, including pre-built turnkey solutions for new investors, using allotted pieces of land for personal lodges as well as the sale of vacant land for investors that would like to design and build to personal preferences.

To date, five separate individual investors have been taken to view the cleared areas and there is continued interest. Whilst it is imperative that the balance of ecology is maintained on the reserve, 9 separate homes/lodges can be built on Mziki 8 & 9 within guidelines as specified by the Mziki Board of Directors. Significant emphasis on the marketing of this land will be undertaken in the months to come.

Mziki Safari Lodge

The Mziki Safari Lodge Team have been incredibly busy on the rebuild of their main lodge area which is looking incredible. The lodge re-opened on the 8th July 2024. This transformation is designed to blend modern elegance with the natural beauty that surrounds us, promising an enhanced, refreshing experience for all their guests.

Please share and support their re-opening with friends and family!

Book at www.mziki.co.za



Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to this newsletter.
The next newsletter release is planned for 1st week of October 2024.

IMPORTANT EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

In a case of any emergency below in order are the contacts to call.

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IMPORTANT ADMIN ITEMS

Updated Member and Supplier Directories are available under the Director and Member pages on the website.

Please review and if any details are incorrect or require additions, please send directly to manuela.pallamar@mziki.co.za

