

Fly-by-night warning

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HOEDSPRUIT – When it comes to fly-by-nights... Hoedspruit has seen its share of these! After 9 years in the newspaper industry, I think I deserve a doctorate on the subject! Yet, I still get caught, time and time again!

Most commonly, I have been caught out by people who come into town with big ideas, very often to start a new restaurant, pub or whatever...

Kruger2Canyon is run on the philosophy of supporting our advertising base wherever we can. We try to give newcomers to our area a boost to get their businesses off to a good start by writing free editorials about them whenever possible.

The least we expect in return is for these clients to be courteous enough to pay the accounts they

run up by advertising.

I could write a list of non-payers here that will fill this page.

A number of times in the past, and as recently as this week, I have experienced people selling 'maps' and directory listings of different descriptions – and even telling people that they are in partnerships with K2C or myself, or that Kruger2Canyon is a part of their initiative!

Please be aware of these people – and note that adverts will be run upside down again in K2C as a result of sheer desperation on our part, the R1500 and R3500 and R4000 and R800's all add up to your community newspaper sometimes struggling to pay our weekly print run while you will find these people out and about, living like they have no worries

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Zandspruit now a reality



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HOEDSPRUIT – Although everyone in the property market experienced a difficult time and while many have still not recovered, the imminent media launch of the Zandspruit Bush &

Aero Estate instils confidence in this world class development.

Zandspruit Bush & Aero Estate will have the official opening of the gate house, designed by Förtsch and Associates, on February 19 and the event will receive wide media coverage from national press and the likes of the largest newspapers in Limpopo to national aviation magazines. This event will also mark the first transfers of properties in Phase 1 of the development, which will be effected in February/March.

'Zandspruit is no longer a dream, it is now a reality and we are ready. Building can commence as soon as the first transfers happen next month' says Tracy den Dunnen, Zandspruit's Sales Director.

Zandspruit is such an appealing option because it caters to many tastes. Whether you are an aviation enthusiast, a leisure seeker, looking to retire or an avid nature lover, this estate has it all. Whether you prefer a river, mountain or bush view – there are numerous stands available to choose from. River view stands are plentiful along the more than 4km stretch of river frontage

on the Northern bank of the Sandspruit River. Following the media launch, the estate will be presented to the public through smaller functions that will add quality to the events. By February 19 the show house in the modern pavilion building style will be in a stage of presentation to give the media a taste of what it would be like to live on Zandspruit.

The installation of services in Phase 1 will also be completed in February. This includes water and electricity to Phase 1 of the Bush and Aero Estate as well as to the 'winged' gate house and main entrance to the Estate. The raw water supply line from the Blyde River, the water reservoir and the water purification system will also be complete. The hard surfacing of the 1km runway has commenced and will be opened to air traffic in February. A show hangar, show casing the acceptable building style for all hangars in the Aero Estate, has already been completed.

Zandspruit has a total of 38 aero estate stands and 161 bush estate stands over the 2 phases. All of these stands as well as the other proposed developments such as the equestrian centre and retail stands are located on the Northern side of the Sandspruit River. This leaves a 650ha wilderness area for free roaming plains game and other smaller animals. Residents can enjoy game drives, cycling, horse riding, jogging and walks in this environment. Three dams and a bird hide present some fantastic places to have a picnic or sundowners.

Stands vary in size from 0,5ha to 1,5ha with a good mix of river, mountain and bush views. Of the 62 stands that have already been sold, 54 are transferable in February.

Houses on Zandspruit can be built in any one of the three approved styles; Traditional Farmhouse, Modern Pavilion and Thatch. There are also 3 approved shades of exterior paint to choose from.

Zandspruit Bush and Aero Estate will not only present an economic injection for Hoedspruit, but the developers have also donated land to the Maruleng Municipality where an eight mega litre water reservoir will be developed some time in the future by the municipality.

'Hoedspruit town including Zandspruit currently have a water requirement of four mega litres, so this will serve Hoedspruit for a long time to come' ended Tracy.

SATSA kicks off the Limpopo Chapter

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HOEDSPRUIT – 'Limpopo needs to create 45 000 jobs in the next 10 years, that is 4500 jobs per year. I believe the tourism industry has this opportunity' says Rob Tooley, CEO Limpopo Tourism and Parks Board (LTPB), at the SATSA Limpopo Chapter 2011 kick-off event on January 21 at GKNP College in Hoedspruit.

LTPB has committed to giving each of the 5 tourism districts in the province R100 000 to aid job creation in their respective tourism industries.

'The Mopani and Waterberg districts are the most lucrative tourism areas in the province and with 5 golf and game estates in the Waterberg alone, Limpopo is starting to compete seriously with the Garden Route by pulling more people to Limpopo' says Rob.

The other tourism districts in Limpopo are Capricorn, Vhembe and Sekhukhune.

'While LTPB is able to create the environment to attract people to Limpopo, we cannot succeed in making Limpopo the choice destination without the support of private sector tourism operations such as the roughly 900 members of the Southern Africa Tourism Services Association (SATSA) Limpopo' explained Rob.

Excellence in service delivery will help in achieving this goal. Accordingly the SATSA Limpopo Chapter decided to award: first a monthly and then an annual overall award to the person who goes to all lengths to provide top class service and more. Dina van Zyl from Eastgate Airport was announced as the December 2010 Tourism Sparkler because of the stream of positive compliments received by Adri Kruger, Chairperson for SATSA Limpopo, about her exceptional service.

'Dina really does solve all your problems' says Hilda Cavill-

Taylor of KrugerPark-Safaris.com.

Another very important aspect to ensure the growth of tourism in Limpopo lies firmly in the hands of the youth, Rob believes.

'Rhino poaching continues to have a very large international impact on Limpopo tourism. Money needs to be put in the social sector so that the value of nature can be understood and consequently protected. But we need to bring in the youth to see – nature generates income and therefore nature has to be protected!' continued Rob.

'Together we can definitely do a lot more' Rob ended saying about the success of tourism in Limpopo through the cooperation of both the public and private sector.

SATSA's purpose is to provide tourism buyers with quality advice and reliable information on credible tourism partners in Southern Africa. To ensure the safety of tourists, the organization launched the Tourism Safety Initiative (TSI), an anti-crime initiative that identifies and reduces the negative impact of tourism related crimes.

'The TSI also has a victim support unit that is mobilized to support the tourist victim and manage the message that goes out through the media' says TSI Project Leader Annelie Barkema whilst explaining the various benefits of being a SATSA member.



Rob Tooley, CEO Limpopo Tourism and Parks Board; Marga van der Merwe, Secretary SATSA Limpopo Chapter; Adri Kruger, Chair SATSA Limpopo Chapter; Annelie Barkema, SATSA / Tourism Safety Initiative Project Leader; Dina van Zyl, December 2010 Tourism Sparkler and Thomas Maan, Treasurer SATSA Limpopo.

Register to vote!

IEC - Registration for the 2011 municipal elections will take place on February 5 and 6 from 08h00 to 17h00 on each day.

With the submission of new wards by the Municipal Demarcation Board in September last year, a number of registered voters may have to re-register.

Find out if you are registered by phoning the toll-free centre on 0800 11 8000 or SMS your

ID number to 32810 to receive confirmation of registration details.

You need a green, bar-coded South African ID book or a Temporary Identity Certificate to register and vote.

You can register at your municipal electoral office during office hours or register at your voting station during the registration weekend.

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