



INGWELALA

**GATE LETTER**

**JUNE 2017**

**Dear Member,**

Welcome back to Ingwelala. The staff wish you a relaxing and enjoyable stay.

Temperatures ranged from 8 to 33 degrees Celsius during the past month. 2.5 mm of rain was recorded.

Big Five sightings have been plentiful, especially elephant, lion and leopard. There remains a deep pool of water in the river bed at Old Farmhouse which is a popular bathing area for elephant breeding herds. These gatherings and activities are always a pleasure to observe.

General sightings included giraffe, zebra, impala, kudu, nyala, spotted hyena, porcupine, honey badger, genet, civet, warthog, hippo and crocodile.

Birds listed were Martial Eagle, African Hawk Eagle, Fish Eagle, Tawny Eagle, Verreaux's Eagle-Owl, Ground Hornbill, Temminck's Courser, Red-billed Quelea, Hooded Vulture, White-backed Vulture and Lappet-faced Vulture.

As the veld becomes drier during the winter months, the baboons and monkeys will be looking for easy meals in the Camp, so please remember to keep all food out of sight and secure your bungalows before leaving on a drive.

Snakes are likely to be more active, "feeding up" ahead of the colder months to come, have a torch handy when moving around after dark.

**KINDLY BE ADVISED THAT DURING THE MONTH OF MAY THERE WERE EIGHT KNOWN CASES OF **MALARIA** CONTRACTED AT INGWELALA, AND VERY SADLY WITH ONE MEMBER PASSING AWAY FROM CEREBRAL MALARIA. PLEASE CONSULT WITH A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER FOR ADVICE ON ANTI-MALARIA MEDICATION AND PRODUCTS.**

**General:**

1. For security measures, please continue to disclose your Bungalow number when requesting a "radio check". Please continue to assist field staff by reporting any suspicious vehicles/persons that you suspect to be a security risk or any fresh human spoor seen (outside of camp). Your assistance in this regard is highly appreciated.

2. Gate staff are requested to ensure that Gate Indemnity Forms are correctly completed when entering the Reserve.

3. If for any reason, you are using your "town vehicle" for game viewing, please ensure you obtain temporary decals from Reception before traversing on Ingwelala so all vehicles are easily identifiable.

4. General Working hours are:

	<b>Shop</b>	<b>Reception</b>	<b>Fuel</b>	<b>Workshop</b>
<b>Monday – Friday</b>	08h00 - 12h00 14h30 - 17h00	08h00 - 12h00 14h30 - 17h00	07h30 - 12h00 14h30 - 17h00	08h00 - 12h00 14h30 - 17h00
<b>Saturday</b>	08h00 - 13h00	08h00 - 13h00	07h30 - 13h00	08h00 - 13h00
<b>Sunday</b>	08h00 - 12h00	08h00 - 12h00	07h30 - 12h00	08h00 - 12h00

5. A Duty Manager is available to assist you after hours with **emergencies**, contactable via the Gate Staff on radio Channel 1. An after hour **call out fee** of R 530.00 is applicable.

6. Please report any water leaks as well as any trees that may have been pushed over onto the roads by elephants.

7. The Do's and Don'ts and Game Drive Etiquette are attached for your attention.

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**Reserve Manager**  
**Ingwelala Share Block (Pty) Ltd.**