



a Mountain to call your own

MOUNTAIN CALL – SUMMER 2016

Dear Verlorenkloof Owners and friends

The general refrain that 2016 was a tough year was certainly true for us too. The drought conditions and the economic malaise of the past year did not pass us by. On a personal level, by mid-year the Johnson and Boyce family had lost three dear parents.

Looking back over the year on the eve of Christmas, however, we are filled with a deep sense of gratitude. The new season has come - the dams are brimming from the generous rains we have been having since November and there is more in store. The river was at all time low but just before the rains we picked up on teeming fry in the river from the winter hatch - with the rejuvenating summer flows the future of our wild trout is assured.

In May Verlorenkloof hosted the inaugural Croc2Croc MTB stage race and it was an incredible experience – for the riders, the supporters, the trail builders, the community and the brave organisers! The 2017 event will be held from 12 – 14 May and we are very grateful that we have a full field and entries have been closed. We will take 2018 bookings!

Our birding weekend late in November again brought a wonderful group of enthusiasts to Verlorenkloof – see the website for feedback and please join us for another botany weekend early in February. Talking about the website, it was completely redone this year and we just love the new look and info – if you have not done so already, please check out the special drone video footage on the home page – we had our owners gob smacked at the AGM when we showed it!

As a management team and staff at Verlorenkloof our work revolves around your ownership and enjoyment of the estate and all it has to offer. We feel continually enriched by the wonderful people who visit Verlorenkloof and the strong sense of custodianship that owners express over the estate. The estate makes a huge positive contribution to the lives and livelihoods of the surrounding community. We thank you for this and for your valued support over the past year.

We wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas - may you experience the true meaning of this season and may you be safe and sound, wherever you are. And we pray that 2017 will bring calm, peace and joy on all fronts.

Eric, Heidi and all the people of Verlorenkloof

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