



UVONGO RIVER RESORT SHAREHOLDER NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2018

Dear Valued Shareholder

Your *"Little Italy"* has been bustling with activity in 2018, as this riverside Resort greeted families and guests in abundance – all looking forward to their breakaway. It is quite difficult to believe that the beautiful murals on our walls have seen another year pass, and as we look forward to spending time with families under the warm sun, to splash about in the cool waves and to feast with friends during the Festive Season, we would like to thank you for being a part of such a marvellous year. And with that, allow us to catch you up on everything that has gone on in 2018.

Making Your Stay *"Beato"* / Blissful

Boy, do we have plans for your *"Little Italy"* on the coast! Change is good, and we're looking forward to the many projects which have recently begun, and those still to come, to always ensure that Uvongo is a sturdy, gleaming ship!

Our Team recently introduced our very first Minion to the Resort – and it was such a fun DIY project! You'll find our Minion positioned in the kiddies' play area. He was built using old tires, caps and pipes and even has a little plant growing from the top of his head, like hair! We've painted him in brilliant yellow, with bright blue overalls and the very distinctive goggles, so it is just like he stepped out of the very familiar and much-loved movie!

Many, many happily-holiday-tired feet and sandy toes have trodden our passages and staircases, so we decided it was time to give them new life! Every passage-way and staircase, throughout the Resort, is undergoing the process of lifting the old tiles, scraping away the old tile cement and replacing these with new tiles and pebble paving. This upgrade has created a subtle change to the Resort's atmosphere, aligning it more and more with our Italian theme.

We've been spending some time, working systematically through the units at the Resort to identify fridges and stoves that are in need of retiring. 26 fridges and 26 stoves will be replaced with brand-new appliances before the end of December.



- DIY Minion at Play Area -



- New Equipped Kitchens -

Tasty soups and fragrant curries are mouth-watering and so welcome during the winter months; and even on those rainy days during the summer months. So, every unit has received soup/cereal bowls. And lastly, the kitchen cupboards in each unit are being refurbished and 33 units will be ready for visitors by year end!

Uvongo River Resort merges the Hibiscus Coast beach life, with golden sandy and glistening beaches, with the Italian flag and quaint town-settings, beautifully. Frames in the lounges and dining rooms of your home-away-from-home units have been refitted with fresh paintings which reflect this fusion within the units, just as the murals on the walls of the Resort do.

Speaking of the Italian-themed murals which decorate our walls... The Uvongo Team have been pro-actively repainting the interiors and exteriors of the Resort. The sea-salt air and sandy breezes do take their toll, which makes painting a regular occurrence to keep your Resort looking spic and span.

Hennie, our very talented painter, has also been busy on the Resort touching up the murals he so lovingly created.



Staying outdoors in the warm summer breeze for a moment...

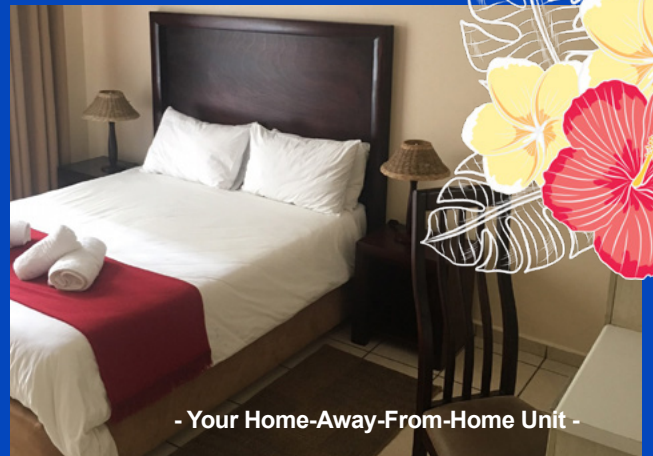
We move away from the buildings and towards the mini-golf course. This section of the Resort has hosted many a family challenge; and squeals of delight have echoed off the walls when a family member claims victory! This space has been identified for some attention and will be re-carpeted as well as re-painted before the end of the year. Make sure to stop by to putt a ball smoothly across the new surfaces as soon as this refurb is complete.

Not too far from the mini-golf course and along the edge of our cool swimming pool sit our pool loungers.

These loungers make for a comfortable seat from which to watch the children splashing around in the water, or to enjoy a good book with the salty air filling your lungs lazily. These loungers were shipped away from the Resort to be re-upholstered and returned bright and new to ensure your mellow afternoons lazing around are comfortable!

Earlier this year, we mentioned the massive project we had undertaken to replace all the linen and towels on the Resort.

We are pleased to announce that this process has officially ended and that every unit has received fresh, fluffy towels and crisp, new linen.



- Your Home-Away-From-Home Unit -



- Beautiful Resort Mural -





- Nearby Activities -



- Little Italy -



A Bit About Uvongo – Do You Know Your Home-Away- From-Home?

At the heart of the Hibiscus Coast, Uvongo is a welcoming town with an unspoilt beach, superb fishing spots, nature reserve, beautiful scenery and so much more. Uvongo is named after the Ivungu River; so named by the Zulu people for the sound of the winds rushing through its steep-sided gorges. The Ivungu is well known for its waterfall that plummets 23 metres, creating one of the deepest lagoons in the country. Uvongo was initially the farm of T.C. Lilliecrona, who, being a surveyor, laid out the new town himself.

Uvongo Beach is sheltered by thick foliage, which grows on the large rock escarpments surrounding the area and is ideal for all water sports. There are pedal boats for hire to enjoy and explore the River more intimately, too. Alongside the River a footpath leads to the Uvongo River Nature Reserve. There is also a lovely children's paddling pool situated on the grassy banks shaded by trees – perfect for a fun, family picnic.

Spend the day relaxing on warm beach sand or snorkel in the refreshing waters that flow and ebb on the shoreline. Friendly hawkers can be found walking the beaches, selling fruit, basketry and crafts.

Welcome to Uvongo River Resort!

Find out more about all the activities, great beaches to visit, and more by enquiring about our Holiday Programme upon arrival to your Resort!

Awards and Applause!

The RCI OSCAS Ceremony held earlier this year was a smashing success and we are so lucky to have been awarded Silver Crown status at this prestigious event. We receive and welcome so many lovely visitors each year and 2018 was no different. These lovely guests went one step further and even shared their experiences on TripAdvisor. These reviews set us apart from the rest as we scored an average of 4/5 and higher, resulting in us being awarded the TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence Award!

A little bit of Italy in Uvongo:

"This is a very nice resort which is walking distance from the beach and close to shops. We will definitely be going back there. The resort is well maintained and the staff was friendly and courteous. It's not far from main tourist attractions, i.e. Waffle House at Ramsgate, Fish on the River restaurant at Port Shepstone. Oribi Gorge where you can zip line and see the Oribi antelope, Wild Coast Sun (if you feel like spinning the wheel of fortune) and many more. It's close to Margate and Shelly beach and there is lots to do if you want to have a fun filled week, but if you just want to relax then the beach is right there and you can soak up the sun. March is such a nice time to visit the area as you have warm, humid, sunny days and in the evenings you can curl up in a well air-conditioned room and relax with a glass of wine after having some fun in the sun."

– Jonica Grobbelaar
(Via TripAdvisor)

Take a look back at our festivities

We'll make any excuse to celebrate everything! From public holidays to guests' milestone events, and special occasions and we love making these days that little bit more *"speciale"* through our themed baked goodies and fun activities.



Mother's Day was a blast as we heartily decorated Reception with a giant banner, and strategically placed a few of our favourite quotes about mothers, such as: *"To the world you are a mother, but to your family you are the world"* around the Resort. Each adult received a complimentary welcome drink upon arrival, called the *"Fuoco nel cielo"* (or Fire in the Sky) which they sipped on while nibbling on tasty sweet and savoury treats. The children were not left out and received freshly popped popcorn, sweeties and fruit juice. Upon arriving in their home-away-from-home units, each Mother found a sweet little gift: a handmade sweets jar with a personalised card.



Our superhero dads were not left out as we made **Father's Day** at the Resort just as super-special! Once again we were up scaling ladders and scouring for Prestik as we transformed our Reception and Resort into a man-cave, finished with ties, tools and moustaches! Check-in day spoils included savoury snack platters and welcome shots of Old Brown Sherry, while Father's received handmade sweet packets as his personal *"stache"*!



From all the moms and dads to their tiny tots and teens... The **June School Holidays** kicked off at Uvongo with a splash! Our Team eagerly entertained the guests while they were checking-in and munching on beach-themed cupcakes, sticky rice-crispy *"ice-creams"*, a variety of sweeties and salty popcorn. And boy did we go all-out with our decorations! The Resort was covered top-to-toe in cut-outs and sun hats, beach balls, towels, flip-flops and all manner of beach items. *"Che spiaggia!"* (What A Beach!)



- Uvongo Area -

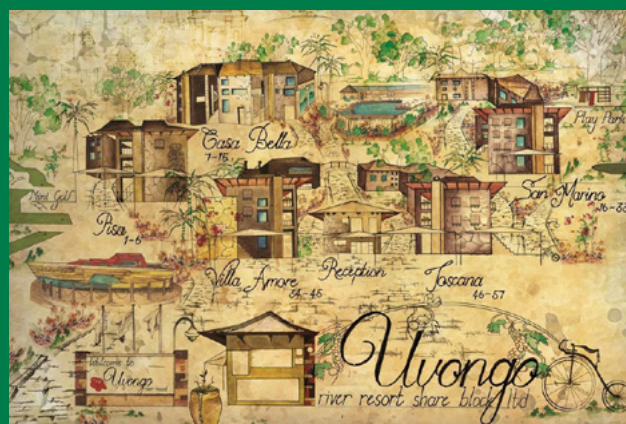


Not all celebrations are about indulging though – some of them are about giving! On **Mandela Day 2018** the Uvongo Team set out on a mission. A mission to spend 60 minutes each assisting an organisation in need within the surrounding area. This mission brought us to **Give a Child a Home Foundation**, which does brilliant work with orphans. Our ladies got scrubbing in the kitchen, making sure that each inch of the space where they prepare meals was gleaming, while the guys headed outdoors to paint the entertainment area in all hues of the rainbow. Once all the hard work was done, our Team enjoyed some downtime with the children, laughing and playing in the lovely weather.

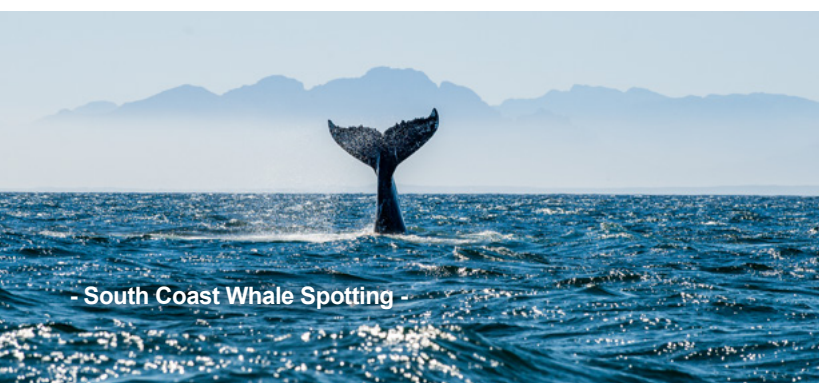
We want to hear ALL about it!

Did you take the perfect snapshot of the sun setting on the horizon? Did your family absolutely adore one of our staff members? Can you not wait to get back to **Uvongo River Resort** to take more photos and make more memories? We want to know! Send us your experiences, memories, favourite moments and photos or videos and you could feature in a Shareholder Newsletter and/or the Uvongo River Resort Facebook page!

Simply email us at: yourresortstory@oaks.co.za



- Illustrated Map of the Resort -



- South Coast Whale Spotting -



Perfect-For-The-Beach Bites

Sunny days spent with your toes in the sand, building sandcastles, flying a kite or diving into the waves are some of our favourite beach holiday memories, and what's not to love? Everyone is happy and laughing and warm... Life is good. And so are these "delizioso" mini pita burger bites – made especially for you to pack for a beach day trip!

You will need:

- 1kg of Lean Beef Mince
- 1 Tub of Store-Bought Bread Crumbs
- 1 Diced Red Onion
- 4 Large Eggs
- 180ml Horseradish Sauce
- 1 Punnet Chopped Fresh Parsley
- 30ml Chilli Flakes (Optional)
- 30ml Dried Mint
- Olive Oil (To Taste)
- Salt and Pepper (To Taste)
- 2 Packet of Store-Bought Mini Pita Breads
- Sauce of Choice
- Fresh Rocket






Let's get cooking!

Preheat the oven to 180°C. Then, you will need to prepare your burger patties. In a large bowl, and using your hands, mix together the mince, bread crumbs, red onion, horseradish sauce, parsley, chilli flakes, mint, salt and pepper as well as a swirl of olive oil. Make sure to mix this mixture well. Now section the patty mixture into small-sized balls, press flat between your palms and place on a greased baking tray or dish. Remember that these patties need to fit into your pita breads! Bake your patties for approximately 15 minutes or until golden and cooked through. Cut pockets into your pita bread and smear a thin layer of your sauce, as well as a little rocket before squeezing a patty into the slit. This recipe will yield approximately 20 mini pita burgers and will store well in an airtight container for up to three days!

"Buon appetito!" (Enjoy Eating)

What to do? What to do!

So much to do and so little time... Plan your next Uvongo trip to the coast and take a look at our bucket list to complete, right here at your Resort! Of course, visiting the sights and attractions in the area is great fun too, but be sure to save some time to enjoy one or two of our Resort favourites!

-  Take a photo with any number of our beautiful murals!
-  Refresh in the Uvongo swimming pool on a hot afternoon.
-  Challenge a family member to a game of giant chess.
-  Make a wish at our wishing well for charity!
-  Watch the sunset from our Entertainment Area.

Making Holidaying Easy

Pop into Reception and ask away! Our friendly staff have all the information you could possibly need to make your holiday the best ever. Want to keep in the loop with what's going on at the Resort while you're with us? Ask for our entertainment programme! Need ideas or inspiration for a fun family outing into the surrounding area? We know what's happening, where and when! Need to pop to the shops to grab something for dinner? Let us know; we'll give you directions if you need them! Our dedicated Team is always available, providing service with a smile and going above and beyond to assist you.



- The "Little" Leaning Tower of Pisa -

Have you heard about Rhino Coin, the new cryptocurrency with a conscience?

Rhino Coin is a cryptocurrency that is being hailed as *"a creative mechanism to add value to rhino horn without actually trading physical horn"*. It's a cryptocurrency with a conscience, established to provide a sustainable source of income to help protect and conserve Rhino. **Rhino Coin** is Crypto-Conservation! Compared to other cryptocurrencies, the difference is that this currency is underpinned by real "blood free" rhinoceros horn.



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Important Notices

ANNUAL CLOSURE NOTICE LET THE COUNTDOWN TO THE HOLIDAYS BEGIN!

Please note that VRS Head Office will be taking a break from 17 December 2018 to 03 January 2019. We will return for business as usual on Friday, 04 January 2019. From 18 to 19 December there will be a skeleton staff available to deal with urgent enquiries from 08:00 until 15:00, however we do expect high call volumes and ask that you please contact us before then for general enquiries.

Levy Payments: Levies must be paid in terms of the Use Agreement and no occupation or usage of any form is allowable until the levies have been paid. (This applies to usage, spacebanking, renting etc. of timeshare week.) For alternative payment arrangements, please contact Property Admin: propertyadmin@oaks.co.za

Spacebanking and Rentals: Please note that a request for spacebanking or rental must be submitted to Property Admin a minimum of five months prior to the occupation date, to enable us to process them. Please contact Property Admin at: propertyadmin@oaks.co.za

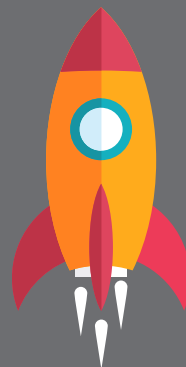
Occupation Dates: Please note that Resort Calendars are linked to school holidays, and it is therefore vital that you check the annual calendar to ensure that you occupy the correct week.

Please refer to the 2019 calendar available on the following link
<https://www.vrs.co.za/docs/2019/calendar/UvongoRiverResortCalendar2019.pdf>

Resort Instruction Letter 2019:
<https://www.vrs.co.za/docs/2019/instruction/UvongoInstructionLetter-2019.pdf>

VRS Website: Be sure to take a look at our website with a dedicated owner's page for our Valued Shareholders where you can download Calendars, Instruction Letters and Use Agreements. An exciting feature has launched too!

VRS Options: We've secured you a multitude of available destinations through some of our partners to give you more holiday options. Visit www.vrs.co.za, click on **Resort Shareholders** and select **VRS Options** Info to find out more.



In closing and until next time...

We look to the sky, and back at the Resort, standing tall and oh-so-pretty in the sunshine; and are so grateful to have spent another lovely year with you. The Festive Season will soon be in full swing and we are ready to enjoy all the festivities which will accompany it with our loved ones, friends and family. As we smile at the everlasting memories made at your *"Little Italy"*, we ask you to pause one last time and remember, *"We move forward with our heads held high, but look back and remember where we came from."* – Michael Hudson

Season's Greetings!

Warm Regards

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