

# LITTLE EDEN

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## Dear Valued Shareholder

“To walk in nature is to witness a thousand miracles”, the adage goes. Hidden in a quiet corner just outside of Cullinan, Little Eden is a revelation of the miracles that nature sometimes reveals to those that pay attention. In the spirit of revelation, we have compiled this newsletter to keep you abreast of the exciting developments at your favourite resort. *Take a stroll with us as we welcome you home.*

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## What's New

### Bird Watching

You have been to Little Eden before and you know what to expect; you know every corner and you have your favourite spot where you relax and get the best out of your holiday. We bet we can stretch your mind further. We have recently introduced bird watching as a resort activity. In the interest of this new activity, we now allow guests to go to areas of the property that were not open to the public before. Since we introduced this activity, 26 different bird species have been spotted. Like we said, we would like to show you that there is more to the place you call home than what you have seen.



## African Blessings

**One of the best known Little Eden spots is the view point.**

Here, guests of all ages meet with the intention of absorbing the beauty of the Little Eden valley. It is a spectacular experience that has turned novices into expert photographers. Last year we decided to dedicate the view point to raising funds for our chosen charity, African Blessings.

African Blessings is a Non-Profit Organisation and a Public Benefit Organisation situated at Rustfontein, in the greater Bronkhorstspruit district. It is an organisation that exists for the betterment of those that are less fortunate. African Blessings, amongst many projects, is building the **Jochebed Children's Village**, a place orphaned and abandoned children will call home. This initiative aims to restore beauty to those whose circumstances might have tried to snatch it away, which is why we have dedicated our valley of beauty to raising funds for this cause.



## Special Occasions

### You Light Up My Life

One of the ways we welcome our guests and shareholders home is by celebrating the one thing that binds us all together, love. On the 14th of February we celebrated *Valentine's Day* with our guests. Most of our guests come home to relax and take a break from the toil of modern life. Some come because they need peace and quiet, and a moment to be one with nature; there are a myriad of reasons why guests come home, but one thing is clear, they make sure they bring those they love. On that special day of love we prepared the following:

### Match box surprise for the ladies

40 match boxes! All covered in red and pink. The two colours that evoke love and "mooshiness", something men might not understand. A heart shaped card was placed on the boxes with "You light up my life" perfectly written on the card. A small surprise was placed inside and only the Little Eden staff knew what surprise each of those boxes contained. But we can assure you that the night was made extra special for our lady-guests; and this could be seen by the smiles on their faces when they saw the jelly-tots.

### Garden sets for the men

Of course, we did not forget about the men. We challenged them to plant a flower – this they could do at the resort, or when they got home. To make sure that they remain motivated, we gave them a set of garden tools. *The flowers they plant will always remind them of the night they celebrated love at Little Eden.*

But what kind of celebration would it be if there was no food? All the guests were treated to a complimentary chicken dish.

## The Latest Improvements

We all love beautiful spaces; it is human nature to drift more towards things that are pleasing to the eye. We love to be surrounded by beauty because at the time we are immersed in it, we become reminded of the beauty that we believe resides in us. We invest whatever resources we have into opportunities to be in beautiful spaces. Little Eden is beauty personified and its shareholders cherish it and rely on the managing team to retain the beauty and better it ongoing. **We work continuously to make sure that the beauty of your resort is preserved and improved on, so you can bask in it all day and all night long.**

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*These are some of the improvements we have made since the last newsletter:*



A sliding door was installed at Chalet no.3



We replaced the sink-cupboard at Chalet no.2



The braais were renovated to prevent smoke from coming into chalets



Guests want to relax at viewpoints for longer, so we built new ablution facilities there



We installed new signboards for the hiking trails

These changes are made so that shareholders may reap the full rewards of their ownership. Some of the changes are in response to suggestions from our shareholders, and some of them are initiated by staff because of the care and love they have for Little Eden.



- Match Box Surprise -



- Signboards For The Hiking Trails -



- New Ablution Facilities -



## Wherever You Are, Be There

We dream and talk about going on holiday all year, looking forward to a time when we can switch off and not worry about to-do lists and deadlines. We see ourselves spending time with loved ones, surrounded by beautiful spaces. Too often times though, when we get to our holiday destinations, we have to fight off some persistent habits that bar us from enjoying the time we had been anticipating for so long.

*Don't let holiday foes get in the way of an amazing holiday.*

### **There's no guilt in taking much-needed time off:**

Sometimes we experience just a bit of guilt when we take time off while being bombarded by tight deadlines at work or in the businesses. The feeling of guilt says that you could be spending this time more productively. But do remember that sufficient rest is directly linked to more productivity and greater results. If you give your mind and body a chance to rest and recover, you will find that you are more efficient in your work. Just like any other emotion, guilt can be cast away by observing the facts. So cast that thought away, and focus on getting the much-needed rest and recuperation Little Eden has to offer. *Enjoy yourself!*

### **Forget the Need to Deliver:**

The constant need to deliver follows us even when we are not required to do so. The mind and the body need to unlearn the patterns of work. One of the ways to deal with this constant itch to deliver, is to apply it to activities that you can engage in with your family. Immerse yourself in the fun activities; use your strength and drive in games and activities with the children, other family-members and friends. Let go and jump into the mud. Say yes to that long hike. *Embrace your competitive nature and make it your aim to be "present".*

### **No Devices:**

Do not bring your devices! Leave the laptop at home. Even if there is WiFi at the resort, *forget about it.* Use your holiday as an opportunity to connect with your family, with nature and with yourself. You and your family deserve this quality time together! There is plenty of time to worry about signal strength when you come back from your holiday. We suggest that the only time you connect to the internet, is when you are looking for nearby places you can visit or when you are verifying English words during Scrabble.

### **Wherever you are, be 'present'.**

There is no better way to live and no better way to enjoy your holiday. Plan ahead and make sure that those that rely on you at work, or in your business, are aware of your departure well in advance so that there will be no disturbances when the time to switch off makes its advent.



## Planned Activities and Entertainment Programmes

**We strive to make the holiday as fruitful and blissful as possible for our shareholders and guests. We have added a few activities that will help you create more memories when you come home. After all, isn't that why you come home?**

### **Waffling Around**

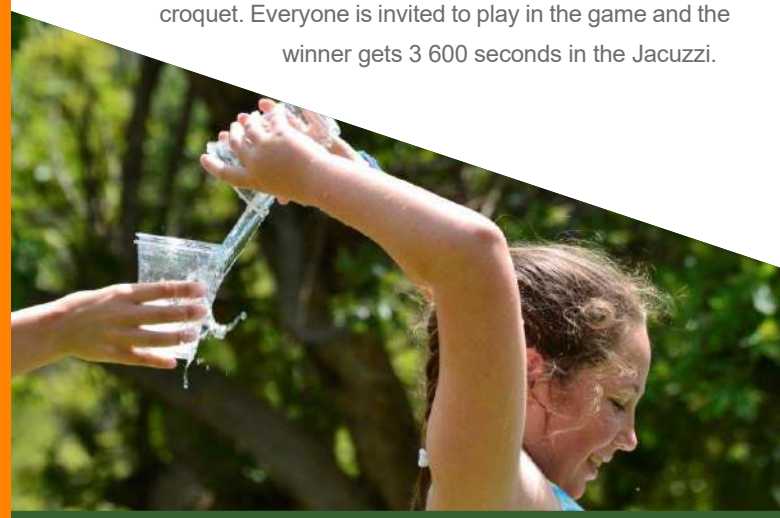
One of the best known traditions at Little Eden is the meet-and-greet session. Guests gather to meet like-minded individuals and make new friends. We recently introduced complimentary waffles and ice cream at these meetings, and we are now convinced that waffles are more effective at bringing people together than boerewors!

### **Exposing your Age**

Due to the popularity of the waffles, we have found that guests start queuing 15 minutes before the time. So we have opted to come up with ways to entertain them while they wait and introduced a special Little Eden game called Musical Trivia; the fun takes over and everyone gets so involved that they even stop worrying about exposing their age. Participants have to match pictures presented to them with a song; the songs come from anywhere between the 1960's to 1990's and the answers sometimes make it plain to see which era everyone comes from!

### **The Jacuzzi Duzi**

Guests are presented with the lovely prospect of spending an entire hour in the Jacuzzi. They stand to win this in a game of croquet. Everyone is invited to play in the game and the winner gets 3 600 seconds in the Jacuzzi.



## Important Notices

### Closure Notice

Please note that our VRS Head Office will be closed on the following days:

- Thursday, 09 August 2018 until Friday, 10 August 2018:  
we will open for business as usual on Monday, 13 August 2018.
- Monday, 24 September 2018:  
we will open for business as usual on Tuesday, 25 September 2018.

### 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, space banking, renting etc. of the timeshare week.

### Spacebanking and Rentals

Please note that a request for space banking 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](mailto: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 2018 calendar available on the following link:

<https://www.vrs.co.za/docs/2018/calendar/LittleEdenCalendar2018.pdf>

### Instruction Letters

Please complete and submit your Instruction Letter to notify us that you'll be occupying your week or if you'd like to update your personal information.

[www.vrs.co.za/docs/2018/instruction/LEDL\\_InstructionLetter\\_2018.pdf](http://www.vrs.co.za/docs/2018/instruction/LEDL_InstructionLetter_2018.pdf)

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## Come Home Soon

We know that you look forward to coming home to Little Eden. We look forward to your return and we are careful to invest all that is necessary to make each visit as beautiful as possible for you. Little Eden is a hidden treasure that has been able to retain its beauty for a long time; we intend on keeping this oasis as beautiful and untainted as possible. Our aim is to make sure that you have plenty of beautiful memories to carry in your heart until the next time you come home.

Happy holidaying,

*Marjorie Forssman*

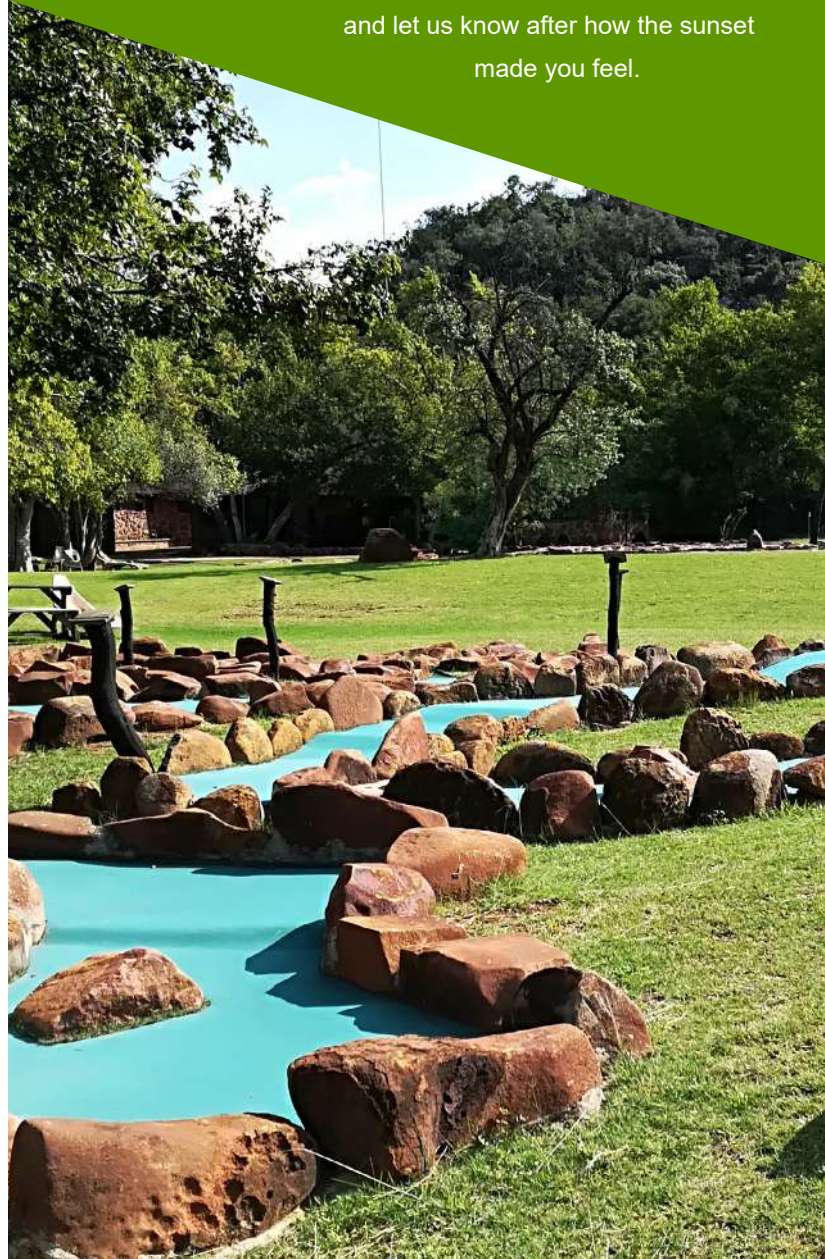
VRS Managing Director



## What's Unique?

Our Little Eden hiking trails have been noted by guests from all walks of life to be some of the best they have ever taken. Little Eden is a wonderful oasis that offers great natural beauty and tranquility and also often takes guests on a lovely trip to the past – the Cullinan areas is rich with history. There are three hiking trails one can choose from; the Kudu hiking trail (8.9km), the waterfall hiking trail (7.5km), and the waterfall trail (800m). The trails all carry rich history that will stretch the mind of the staunchest cynic.

We recently purchased a trailer. No, it was not because it was on special! We acquired it to convert it into a vehicle that will transport our guests to our new favourite spot. Guests are taken to the new boma from where the most beautiful sunsets can be seen. If the things we have mentioned did not grab your attention, make time for this one activity and let us know after how the sunset made you feel.



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