



**We all know how time flies – but I truly cannot believe that we have arrived at the end of 2008!**

It's been just over a year since the arrival of Sybrand and Pat, our Camp "Kommandant". They have brought about some positive changes and have met the most **amazing people** from all over the world.

We have a new swimming pool – **sparkling and refreshing**, our bar has a new roof and shady extension and Pat's veggie garden is looking crunchy and fresh! The baboons, monkeys, goats and cattle are most appreciative on this delicious food source – much to Pat's frustration.



Sunset Ridge remains a **delight** as the sun sets, (**very romantic**), and **for** the early birds Sybrand has **dis**covered a superb **spot** for watching the **sun**rise, aptly named Sunrise Hill.

The camp is **flourishing** under Sybrand and Pat's nurturing. The November rains have been a welcome relief and the bush is looking **alive and green**. The bird life is sure to flourish – judging from the early morning calls, they too are in their element. The Mutale River is flowing strongly and should be **good fun** for tubing and of course a spot of fishing. Talking of which, the Tigers are on the run and just waiting for the ultimate catch!

The birdlife as always is abundant with a variety of species, unusual sightings include the Nyassa Seed cracker – this caused **much excitement** amongst the birders and has been a source of much discussion. The Racket Tail Rollers



are breeding across the river and we have a breeding pair of Pel's Fishing Owl in the area. The University of the North have recently conducted research and their results should be out shortly – watch the website for the results.

That's not the only activity – the elephants regularly cross the fence at the river from Kruger National Park for a taste of our succulent trees and change of scenery and recently we have had five kills as the young lions are testing their hunting skills on the village cattle. Well that's been one way to curb the monotonous clanging of the cow bells!!! All very exciting but under control with the help of Nature Conservation.

We now offer all **thrill seekers** walking trails and game drives in Kruger National Park, with qualified guides, and have recently formed a relationship with a neighbouring **Village for Authentic Cultural Tours and Traditional Dancing**.



The bush is **alive with activity** and new discoveries – the latest of which are Fossil Dinosaurs uncovered at the river – how exciting and we are waiting for archaeologists to identify the fossils – will keep you updated.



As the year draws to a close, we wish you and yours a very **Special Festive Season and a Prosperous 2009**, and should life get you down, or you need food for your soul, remember... you can always **COME LIVE IN THE BUSH FOR A WHILE!**

Until we meet again

*Sandy, Sybrand, Pat and the Team*  
at Pafuri River Camp.