



# Melton Wold

*Guest Farm*



## AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER

Well the good news is that the Winter Solstice has come and gone which for us in the southern hemisphere means that our days are getting longer, we are getting more vitamin D and theoretically it should be getting warmer with all the extra sun that we are being exposed to!

For those who have been living on Melton Wold for decades, in their view, is been a harsh winter, a winter that seems to be lingering on longer than is normal. Yes, we have had a small amount of snow but not nearly as much as Sutherland had during one major cold front event and only a fraction of what we had during the winter of 2012. So far we have had many mornings where the day has started of with sub-zero temperatures, the most severe being minus 7, which bought with it a severe frost. Looking at short term forecasts it appears that we will continue to have a few more weeks of chilly starts to the day but day time temperatures look set to increase by the end of August. We can't wait!



We have included some pictures of the Paley and Jackson Dams. From these pictures it is clear that the late rains certainly impacted the level of these dams and also contributed to the good condition of the veld. Right now its lambing season and in some areas of the farming community it is also sheep sheering time. I also find it difficult to understand that in the middle of winter they shear sheep and lambs are born having to deal with intense cold!! Anyway the good news is that we have not had any losses due to the cold.



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Towards the end of June 2018 the annual 'Wildsfees' took place at the show grounds in Victoria West. Melton Wold continue to play a significant role in the event which draws visitors from all over the country to view game being auctioned during the 'fees'! During the weeks leading up to the 'Wildsfees' there was a hive of activity at Melton Wold with Willem and his team capturing game and transporting them to the boma at Melton Wold where prospective buyers could view the game going on auction. It was a very successful 'fees' and by all accounts there were winners all round!

The Guest House staff had had a busy time over the last 3 months with numerous groups of hunters visiting the farm. The guest house was virtually full during the week leading up to the 'Wildsfees'. We have also had many old and new faces at the Guest House. In May we had Bruce and Felicity Mckenzie come and spend a short vacation at Melton Wold. They are no strangers to Melton Wold ... Bruce's mom, Prue Mckenzie, used to be the manager at the guest house in the late '70's. They had a great time telling stories and catching up on developments at Melton Wold. It is really amazing how many folk keep coming back to Melton Wold – in fact only last night we had a family who had last been to Melton Wold 18 years ago. They left this morning promising to back soon. Early in August we had a mum and daughter visit us for the first time. They enjoyed it so much that before leaving Melton Wold they made a reservation for September ... this time it will be mom and dad!



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Earlier in the newsletter I mentioned how cold it had been. Readers will probably believe that our camp site has been relatively quiet. Compared to other times of the year, yes it has been quieter but in June we had a group of four campers spend a week with us. The nights were freezing so they made the most of 'warming up' at the Deer & Pheasant (pub). As we go to press with this newsletter, they are back, this time for a 10 day visit!! Apart from freezing mornings they are thoroughly enjoying themselves!

The Guest House, and campsite is also getting busy with visitors stopping over en route to / from the west coast to view this year's wild flower spectacle. Melton Wold is an ideal stop over between the hinterland and the West Coast natural flower show. If planning to pass this area, why not stop over at Melton Wold as part of your road trip! Our hospitality is second to none and the farm fare is yummy! You are guaranteed to enjoy some form of home grown karoo lamb.

I recently visited the Melton Wold Primary School. The school which caters for learners from Grades 1 – 6 is currently home to 13 learners who live on Melton Wold and surrounding farms. Conditions are good with the learners extremely privileged to have an amazingly stocked library right next to school. We have included some pictures of the school and the library with the teachers and students proudly showing of their facilities. When I asked the headmistress (Suzette) what their biggest challengers are, I was surprised to hear that there are extremely few. The availability of text books are not a problem, neither is stationery! There are no delays in getting the material to insure that the school calendar gets under way on time. Suzette did however mention that they desperately need some form of lapa under which the students can enjoy their morning refreshments and lunch.



This is especially during the summer months when the sun is very harsh. It would therefore be ideal if a lapa could be erected on the school grounds to provide some form of protection against the harsh summer months, in fact throughout the year. If there are any readers who would like to contribute to the erecting of a lapa, any contribution would be most welcome. Please contact Ronel at [info@meltonwold.co.za](mailto:info@meltonwold.co.za) for any queries you might have. Melton Wold Primary School is really a 'good news' story!





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We have identified that the Melton Wold Airstrip should be prepared for more activity. The strip has already been cleared of all vegetation that 'popped up' after the April / May rains and is now in excellent condition. A new windsock has been raised and is now very clear to aircraft in the area. We will be creating a page on our website, Facebook and Instagram with detail and some pictures of the airstrip. Should any of our readers have or know of anyone who owns a light aircraft and would like to fly in to Melton Wold, please do not hesitate to contact us to for further information ([info@meltonwold.co.za](mailto:info@meltonwold.co.za)). We offer numerous various packages to prospective fly in visitors.



Many visitors to Melton Wold enquire as to whether it would be possible to go on a game/farm drive. We already have a well sign boarded self-drive route but without doubt the experience of sitting on the back an open air farm viewing vehicle it the preferred guest choice. Willem has almost completed the conversion of this vehicle, with the commissioning only a few weeks away! Pictures of the vehicle will be put up on our Facebook and Instagram pages as soon the vehicle is commissioned.

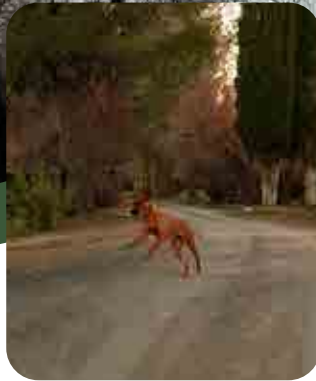






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Our beloved and loyal '4 legged' friends are all doing well and firm favourites with our guests. Pictures included in the newsletter show Tessa & Lala out with Willem while he is calibrating his hunting rifle. Vlekke was recently out with Tony doing a runway inspection of Melton Wold Air Strip.

During July we had two guests who bought their 'best friends' Magick and Quinn to Melton Wold. Both loved their holiday as much as their owners enjoyed theirs. All four legged guests left after becoming big buddies with our resident pets. Melton Wold is most definitely a pet friendly destination (by prior arrangement).

We have all kinds of plans for Melton Wold to ensure our guests of all ages have plenty to do. We are regularly asked to consider building a new putt-putt course. This is shortly to become a reality ... more details will follow on Facebook and Instagram!

Finally ... the Melton Wold Team had the fortune to celebrate Juan's 21st with him on Monday 13 August 2018. Juan is Willem's foreman on the farm and is also resident in the guest house! Congratulations Juan! Your life is all you make of it and we have no doubt that you will make a very colourful one!

We trust that you have enjoyed reading our latest newsletter and that it will wet your appetite to plan a visit to our gem in the Karoo 'Melton Wold'! You will not regret making the journey!



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