

# the CALABASH

**Dinokeng**  
Africa in one day

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## WORD FROM THE CEO



FANA JIYANE

### Dear Calabash Readers

Spring is a time for renewal, for growth and rebirth. Just as with nature, in Dinokeng, all things bright and beautiful re-emerge in spring. We are looking at resolving several issues and we anticipate putting in place better mechanisms to enhance communication with both communities and product owners within the Dinokeng area. With Tourism Month and the Getaway Show upon us, we want to spring forward and take advantage of all marketing efforts for the Dinokeng area.

Both Tourism Month and the Getaway Show present great opportunities to showcase the area and we will be doing that through exhibitions and targeted marketing to various meetings, incentives, conferences and events (MICE) coordinators and industry publications. We have had successful exhibitions at the Getaway Show and expect an even brighter one this year.

The plans for construction of the wall between the Steve Bikoville community and the reserve are moving forward.

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This is exciting and definite progress as it will bring us that much closer to opening the Dinokeng Game Reserve, a move that will benefit so many in the area, including communities, landowners and product owners. All in all, spring is upon us and with it comes many exciting things for Dinokeng.

Best Wishes

**Fana Jiyane**  
CEO: Dinokeng Project

## Five Star Luxury in Dinokeng



Wildways Bushcamp is nature at its best. Time stands still as the moon rises to the call of jackal and the stars gives light as crickets gather. The tranquillity hereat Wildways Bushcamp in the Dinokeng area is contagious.

Wildways is densely populated with game and birdlife. It sits on 3000 hectares of untamed bushveld and is home to more than 1200 head of game, consisting of large species such as giraffe, kudu, zebra and caracal.

This tranquil getaway has a 5-star self catering rating and is a mere 50km north of the hustle and bustle of Pretoria and not more that a short drive from OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg.

The camp consists of three fully furnished , self catering houses and four additional rooms, conference facilities, kitchen, pool and central thatched entertainment area. This venue is ideal for large family get togethers, birthday or anniversary celebrations, church group gathering s, team building and conferences or just time out with friends and family.

**Source:** [www.wildwaysbushcamp.co.za](http://www.wildwaysbushcamp.co.za)  
**Contact:** Ilse van der Merwe - 012.665.0672

## Adventurous rhythm of the African Bushveld



Bushveld

**Adventure Addicts**, situated within the Dinokeng area, specialises in corporate team building and is a fun-filled, adventurous, Bushveld experience at a 3-star lodge less than 40km North of Pretoria.

The lodge caters for a variety of activities including team building, bush weddings, year-end functions or any other function with some adventure or fun included. Recreational activities are their specialty. So for enjoyable activities like guided quad bike game drives, paintball war games, elephant rides, micro light flips, laser clay pigeon shooting, archery, and snake shows, Adventure Addicts is an excellent option.

Adventure Addicts has a guest lodge with 13 rooms, accommodating up to 26 people, and a self catering bush lodge, with seven rooms and two community rooms, that can accommodate up to 22 people.

It is located at Portion 19, Kaallaagte, Hammanskraal, Dinokeng North.

**Source:** [www.adventureaddicts.com](http://www.adventureaddicts.com)  
**Contact:** Andre - 082.443.3373

## Dinokeng at the GETAWAY SHOW



Dinokeng will once again exhibit at the annual DStv Getaway Show. The Show is for travel and tourism-related marketers, making it a great place to showcase all the product offerings of Dinokeng. Described as South Africa's top holiday destination exhibition, the Getaway Show not only informs, it also enables visitors to interact with exhibitors allowing them to experience everything the Getaway brand represents. The Getaway brand is said to epitomise "beautiful, unusual destinations; affordable accommodation; the latest outdoor gear and gadgets; 4x4 vehicles and accessories; an array of camping equipment; and incredible adventures".

Dinokeng has designed an attractive exhibition stand, designed to encourage interaction. At the stand, which will be staffed by knowledgeable brand ambassadors, visitors will receive Dinokeng branded water bottles and maps.

We look forward to your participation as part of the Dinokeng family and hope for another successful exhibit.

For more information on the Dinokeng stand and activities at the Getaway Show, please contact Asania Aphane at Kagiso TV & Communications. Email: [Dinokeng@kagisotv.co.za](mailto:Dinokeng@kagisotv.co.za) Tel: 011 544 1900

### THE GETAWAY SHOW

**Date:** 09 - 11 Sep 2010

**Venue:** Coca Cola Dome

**Address:** 5 Northgate Street, North Riding, Johannesburg

**Sponsors:** DStv and Jacaranda 94.7.

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## A Gem of a Bike Challenge



"If you believe diamonds are a girl's best friend then you should have been taken by the MTN Cullinan National Marathon!"

The Marathon, which took place on 28 August, was a huge success. With bikers from all across Gauteng and other provinces, the route traversed areas inaccessible under normal circumstances due to mining activities. Not only did many try their luck, many succeeded! Winding single and jeep tracks took participants through pristine areas and over river crossings where they could stop and drink the water.

The route options were 120 km, 75 km, 40 km and 21 km, each with its own excitement. The 120 and 75 km distances took riders through areas where plains game roam, and even past lion. Riders even rode on the verge of a massive water fall and through a cave – you will not find better mountain biking than this! Try your luck next year... Are you game?

## Hammanskraal Entrepreneurs



**Solly Mohale, left, a man with green fingers and matching business skills is a self made man through hard work, dedication and the vision to found Mohale's Green Goddess Nursery in Steve BikoVille. Sam, right, is happy to help to keep things growing.**

Solly Mohale started off life as a very ordinary man from Hammanskraal and eventually found himself employment at Sandkloof Nursery. Solly paid careful attention and soon acquired an impressive range of skills from his employer, Roy Trendler. He realised that he certainly had green fingers, and as he was never a man to let the grass grow up under his feet, he decided in 2005 that he was not going to remain an employee for his whole life. He set off to establish Mohale's Green Goddess Nursery, now located in Steve BikoVille. He has an excellent grasp of a wide variety of plants, practical or decorative, exotic or indigenous. "Indigenous plants, and particularly indigenous trees, have become more and more popular. I have expanded the number and range of Acacia and Rhus

for example," he told The Calabash, with a beaming grin. He is now widely experienced on cultivating plants from seed or cuttings. He knows how to care for plants and keep them well watered and protected from frost and marauding insects. His prices are very reasonable and his plants all look fabulous. He was recently awarded the contract for the landscaping and maintenance of the Dinokeng Game Reserve gates. He is now a self made man and even employs his own assistant, his son Sam. Everyone can see that Mohale's Green Goddess Nursery is a growing business!

To purchase plants, or for more information, phone Solly Mohale on 082 452 7217.



David Koka whose creative star and business success must surely be on the rise.

Not only is David Koka a naturally gifted craftsman, but he has had the imagination to put his skills to very good use by founding Diaroka Arts and Culture. David acquired his skills in cement sculpture and pottery from his former employer, a company called Rock Design. The creative entrepreneur has continuously modified his creations to appeal to the commercial market. He now has a fairly good idea of the type of garden ornaments which sell well, and his market has grown steadily. His business is now located next to Mohale's Green Goddess Nursery, and David and Solly Mohale have found that their businesses compliment each other quite well. On numerous occasions customers who stop at their Steve Bikoville premises to buy plants, also land up buying pots or garden ornaments. Similarly those who stop to buy pots or garden ornaments also buy plants. David has produced beautifully crafted lions, leopards, hippos and

birds which are not only aesthetically crafted, but often have an edge of light-heartedness and humour. Things have not always been easy for David, but he thinks he has now found a successful formula and he is convinced that his effort, dedication and imaginatively rendered forms are starting to become more widely known. He is sure that future sales will keep going up. His positive energy and optimism are infectious and he is an asset and a glowing example to the Steve Bikoville community.

To buy pots and garden ornaments, or for more information, contact David Koka of Diaroka Art and Culture on 082 624 5806.

## September is Tourism Month



Tourism organizations around the world are gearing up for the celebration of World Tourism Day, taking place on 27 September. This year's theme is Tourism and Biodiversity. World Tourism Day is an annual celebration initiated by United Nations World Tourism Organisation, which aims to create an international awareness of the role and value of tourism in relation to social, economic and environmental factors. The chosen theme provides an opportunity to raise awareness for the importance of

biodiversity and the role of sustainable tourism in future development and the conservation of life.

For more information on World Tourism Day, please visit [www.unwto.org/worldtourismday](http://www.unwto.org/worldtourismday)

For more information on the International Year of Biodiversity, please visit [www.cbd.int/2010/welcome](http://www.cbd.int/2010/welcome)

## Dinopedia

Dinokeng is second only to Ndumo in the St Lucia area in terms of its numbers of bird species, making this a birdwatcher's paradise.

Little Known Facts about Roodeplaat:

Roodeplaat Dam is surrounded by a number of campsites, self-catering chalets and full board resorts.

Reed beds along the dam offer many Lesser- Swamp Cape Reed, great reed and African sedge warblers, as well as little bittern.



## Art in White

invites you to an art exhibition in conjunction with Rust in White,  
cullinan - "Figures in Line"



### **Hardus Koekemoer**

Ink and mixed media drawings

### **Johan du Plessis**

Metal sculpture

**Saturday – September 4, 2010 - 09.00 – 16.00**

Exhibition closes on October 15, 2010

### **Rust in White - Oak Avenue 84, Cullinan**

For more information contact: 012 734 1583

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Please invite all your friends with a love for exquisite artworks.

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### **Willem Prinsloo Agricultural Museum / Landboumuseum**

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11 September 2010

Farm Festival: Tractors and Engines