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Message from the Chairman

Dear Members of Ingwelala,

Another eventful year in the life of Ingwelala has flown by and the New Year is rapidly approaching. New Directors are settling in and the Staff have continued to deliver excellent service enabling us all to enjoy a wonderful wildlife recreational experience at Ingwelala. Regrettably Mark and Karen Shaw will be leaving the Ingwelala family for schooling reasons and pastures anew (for more information on this, refer to my Letter to Members #36 dated 8 December 2017 that can be downloaded from the Ingwelala Website).

AGM

A very successful AGM was again held in Johannesburg on 16 November 2017. The Meeting was well attended and Members adopted the Resolution tabled that made amendments to the Building Regulations. The outcomes of the 2017 Members Survey, promotion of Ingwelala Work Parties, and sustainable commercial hunting were all presented during the Meeting. Members were also alerted to the possibility of impending rates and taxes to be levied by the Bushbuck Municipality in the future. For those Members not present at the AGM, four (4) Directors were elected to the Ingwelala Board (Nic Roodt (re-elected), Kevin Alborough, Belinda Scott and Brian Cilliers) and two (2) Directors elected to the Associated Companies Boards (Kevin Alborough and Chris Gregory).

Meeting with group of Concerned Members

The new Board of Directors of Ingwelala (except John Llewellyn) met with a group of concerned Members in Johannesburg the day after the Ingwelala AGM (on 17 November 2017) in response to a number of concerns that the group had raised with the Ingwelala Board for consideration. This meeting was conducted in a very positive and constructive manner that clarified a lot of misunderstandings, misconceptions and cleared the air regarding any Member being seen as obstructive or trying to undermine or influence the work of the Directors. Consensus was that the common goal being the preservation and protection of Ingwelala for the enjoyment of all of its Members. I would like to thank all of those Members and Directors who gave up their precious time to attend and contribute in such a positive way. A joint report back of the discussions will be circulated to all Members early in the New Year.

Dam update

The two dams (Peru and Mbali) further upstream from Argyle that failed during the 2012 flood have received their confirmation as an existing lawful water use, and now have the required dam safety certificates. All our past efforts and legal challenges have resulted in these two dams at least being compliant with applicable water law and hopefully their dam safety certification means they have been designed and constructed correctly. In respect of the environmental law side of things, the focus has been on trying to get some kind of flow through regime with fish ladders recognised that seeks to reduce the impacts on the downstream riverine ecosystem, as it is unlikely that we can stop the dams from being repaired. We are waiting for their final environmental authorisation.

Hunting on neighbour's properties

During the past two weeks, elephant hunts took place on Mansimvula, Cass and Luttig Trust properties. For your safety, please ensure that you read the Gate Letters in order to be aware of any hunts that may be taking place in the vicinity of Ingwelala.

New Years Party

If you are not planning to visit Ingwelala during this Festive Season, I encourage you to change your mind and once again join us for the New Year's bash – a great occasion around the Pool and Members area.

Meet and Greet the Board

If you are going to be at Ingwelala over the New Year period, a Meet and Greet will take place on Wednesday the 2nd January 2018 at 11:30 in the Members Lounge area at the pool. Five of the Directors (Bruce, Derek, Brian, Charl and John) will be hosting the meeting. Not only will this be an opportunity for Members to chat with some of the Board members, but also for the Board to interact on a less formal platform with Members. You are encouraged to support this Communication Portfolio initiative.

WiFi Trial at Members Area

We have embarked on a 3-month project, initiated by Charlie Lynam #6, to trial an alternative Internet Service Provider at the Members Area, in order to see if we can improve the Internet service and experience for our Staff, Members and Guests. The trial is now operational and initial indications are very positive. I would like to thank Charlie Lynam for his tenacity in initiating this trial, and Derek King and Brian Cilliers for pushing through the implementation and making it a reality. Brian has been extraordinary this past week in configuring the test system on site. Please pass on your experiences of the trial to Reception.

Thank You

In conclusion, on behalf of the Board, I would like to thank John and Natalie Llewellyn and all of the Ingwelala Staff for continuing to deliver excellent services, and a special word of thanks to Mark and Karen Shaw for their outstanding contribution. To all the Members, thank you for your continued support of Ingwelala, and we wish you all a successful and prosperous 2018.

For those of the Christian faith, have a blessed Christmas and rejoice in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, and to our Jewish community, happy Hanukkah. Travel safely wherever you may be going.

Sincerely



Kevin Alborough
Chairman