



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ROODEKRANS

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eMoyeni laid her two eggs on the 17<sup>th</sup> April /21<sup>st</sup> April 2011 and has been religiously incubating through some nasty weather. The rain lasted into autumn and she still sat on the nest, while Thulane did his best on his hunting sorties. This year only the second egg hatched on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

Prey was brought to the nest on Saturday morning by Tulane as he knows that hatching was imminent. The young chick must eat within 24 hours or it may not survive. This is always an exciting time for us at the project as that first glimpse of the tiny fluffy chick is so over special.

You can watch all the nest activity via the web cam, unfortunately the picture is not as clear as we would like it to be but at least we can follow the progress. Amazing to think eMoyeni has laid every year since the start of the project in the early 90's.



Bafana, last year's juvenile is well and truly on his way now and is scouring the hills of the Waterberg for a tasty morsel. He is hunting all by himself and is roosting in the trees. He will have a favourite spot or tree that he roosts in. What could have been a potential disaster ended up being a heart-warming story. There has been a documentary made of the Bafana story and it is going to be aired on 50/50, not sure when but will let everyone know. The story starts at Roodekrans with the laying of the eggs and ends up with his final release at Lapalala. Really beautiful.



Computershare has sponsored the updating of the information on the education board in the garden. The sign has been given a face lift with new photographs and design. Thank you to them it was desperate for a clean-up. They have also formed in conjunction with the BEPR a monitoring group to monitor the eagles on a Tuesday morning at the Botanical Garden, this is great as Tuesday's are a

free entrance day for the pensioners, which means they can also follow the progress of the breeding season. All the monitor volunteers on Tuesday are from Computershare and they take it in turns to do a shift. Fantastic – well done guys!

The BEPR is in need of a corporate to sponsor new golf shirts and sweat shirts for the monitors, should you be interested you will be able to add your company logo to the clothing. Please contact me directly should you be interested.

Once again we are asking for donations to cover the cost of running the project, donations have been few and far between this year with corporates cutting back on supporting conservation projects and rather helping poorer communities, which is understandable with the economic situation as it is. The sad thing is the environmental non-profit companies really battle to make ends meet and the smaller ones like us end up having to close. Any size donation will be greatly appreciated so please consider sponsoring this very worthy while project.

We are, unfortunately no further in coming to a settlement with the Sugarbush case and will continue with the Review Application if no decision has been made shortly.

The Proteadal development is on hold as the Mec has asked for further information from the developer and has requested that there must be 3m buffer around the development. This is really great news as it will bring down the area that can be developed, which means new plans must be drawn up.

Until the next time, stay warm!

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