

## **Please read this information sheet about what to expect when staying at Pumula Guest Farm**

### **What to expect**

- Pumula Guest Farm is a working farm.
- One of the local farmers lease our arable land and plant maize or soy beans.
- The farmer, renting at the moment, rotates his sheep and cattle to graze on the farm.
- Reception is for booking-in purposes only, there is no member of staff at reception any other time. You are welcome to contact us on our mobiles with any questions.
- There is **no TV** in any of the units.
- There is **no WIFI**.
- The swimming pool is painted black to heat the water a little.
- No luxury fittings were used in any of the units.
- Most of the bed frames were welded on the farm or at the sign manufacturing factory in Johannesburg.
- Our personal preference is firm mattresses and thus all the mattresses are high density foam.
- Accommodation is very basic farm accommodation.
- Facilities in each unit are basic but comfortable.
- Maintenance is done regularly and on guest recommendations/suggestions.
- We used wood found on the farm in the units, for example as curtain rods and bathroom hooks.
- Most of the buildings and equipment were built around 2002/3.
- The Farm House Apartments were finished in 2009.
- The White House bathroom was redone in 2016
- The farm has ESKOM electricity.
- Expect power failures from time to time due to wind and rain storms or veld fires.
- Power failures are usually restored within 4 hours.
- Each unit has an oil lamp and candles in case of a power failure.
- Units either have a main gas stove or a little portable gas stove.
- All units have gas geysers.
- Expect cold in winter.
- Water pipes freeze during **exceptional** cold spells which could disrupt water supply to the showers and baths.

- Each unit has a fireplace in the lounge the bedrooms get cold.
- Beds have duvets and blankets for the cold.
- There are no heaters or electric blankets in any of our units.
- There is a night watchman on duty at night with a dog.
- The main gate is closed at night and opened again in the morning.
- Expect varying degrees of cell phone reception.
- There is no shop on the premises to buy food or drinks.

### **History**

- We bought the farm in 2002 and moved here from Johannesburg.
- The farm had 2 houses and non-functional dairy facilities.
- We lived in the one house (now the Farm House Apartments) and the farm manager lived in the other house (now the White House).
- Kevin stayed in Johannesburg and ran his sign manufacturing company while Guilletta and their 2 young boys moved to the farm permanently.
- We liked the area and the farm so much that we wanted to share the experience and thus the guest farm project started.
- Kevin designed and built all the additional units on the farm with the help of a local builder and local labour.
- Kevin designed and built the pool and communal Club House and facilities.

We hope that you will enjoy your stay at Pumula Guest Farm and that we will see you again. Please let us know after your stay what we can do make the experience better.

Guilletta Jordaan (Owner)