



CARLTON HEIGHTS GUESTHOUSE NEWSLETTER JUNE 2020

Gratitude is the word that stands out for us when we look back at the first half of 2020.

We are grateful to all our guests who stayed over since we re-opened our doors in October last year. We aim to provide our guests with a "home away from home" experience, whether they are travelling for business or pleasure. We are grateful for all the warm smiles and positive feedback received. We too get big smiles on our faces when we hear guests had a *lekker* braai, slept comfortably, enjoyed their meals, and experienced some of the specialness of farm life in the Karoo.





FRESH@BESKUITFONTEIN TRAIL RUN

The inaugural Fresh@Beskuitfontein Trail Run took place on 16 December 2019. We are so excited and grateful to be part of this collaboration between Fresh Trails (https://freshtrails.co.za/) and Beskuitfontein. The one-day event offered three trail distances which were well-marked covering a great mix of technical, flowing, rocky, sandy, mountain, single track, jeep track and no track trail. The race village with the start and finish to the race was located just 4km down the road from Carlton Heights Guesthouse. We provided accommodation to runners who did not want to camp at the village and prepared the meals for the event. Campers and runners enjoyed true Karoo cuisine with delicious lamb chops, "skilpaadjies", roosterkoeke and more – all going down with ice cold Steller Brewery (https://www.facebook.com/stellarbrewery/) craft beer and gin on tap. We are already working hard at preparing a bigger and better event for the end of this year. Our aim is to make the annual Fresh@Beskuitfontein Trail Run a quality outdoor experience with a refreshing family-friendly farm feel! Visit http://freshtrails.co.za/ for bookings and more information.



WONDERFUL RAIN!

Adding to the excitement of our first successful Trail Run, we were also blessed with above average rainfall since the end of December 2019! Guests will remember the dire state of this part of the country leading up to the end of last year. We are beyond grateful for perfectly timed and spaced rainfall events that created the ideal conditions for Karoo bossies and grasses to grow, make seed and establishment new seedlings - thus providing valuable feed to our livestock as well as restoring damage caused by the drought. Moreover, our dams were filled to the brim, with some even overflowing. We realise every day how fortunate we are and continue to pray for the areas in our country that are still experiencing a severe drought. May their relief come soon!

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN FOR OUR BRAND NEW ONE-DAY HIKING TRAIL AND 4X4 ROUTE

COVID-19, HIKING- AND 4X4 TRAILS

Regarding the world-wide COVID-19 pandemic, we too have been impacted by having had to close our doors since the 26th of March. We are happy to announce that we opened again on the 1st of June and have put in place a strict protocol for the safety and reassurance of our staff and guests. More information regarding the protocol is available on our website. We fully support the commitment and co-operation of all our citizens during the nationwide lockdown restrictions.

Remember the convenience of Carlton Heights Guesthouse being located literally on the N9-national route towards the coast. Take note that it is only a 70km detour to reach us when travelling along the N1 to the Western Cape by turning off on the N10 at Hanover. We are the ideal stop-over for travellers along this route as well as families and friends looking for a weekend-getaway. We offer self-catering accommodation as well as delicious breakfasts and braai-pack dinners – and free Wifi! Guests can also experience farming in the Karoo hands-on by booking one of our hugely popular farm tours.

We are also thrilled to announce that one-day hiking- and 4x4 trails can now be booked. These trails showcase the beautiful mountainous terrain of the Eastern Upper Karoo – a perfect day trip to relax and rejuvenate in the outdoors. Please visit our website or e-mail <u>carltonheightsguesthouse@gmail.com</u> for more information and bookings.

