

SPEAKERS

Malcolm Vermeulen

Environmental Manager at Thaba ya Batswana Eco Hotel and Spa

A wildlife expert with a passion to make a contribution to the environment

TOPIC

Thaba Ya Batswana: Making a practical contribution to the local biodiversity value

SYNOPSIS

Sustainability has emerged as an important theme within the hospitality industry. Today, 'Green' or 'Sustainable' has become a buzz word within the industry. Thaba ya Batswana recognizes and values the need for managing its environmental impacts as a business in a sustainable and responsible manner. Through the integration of its business with a sustainable development approach, Thaba ya Batswana has incorporated several creative and positive measures from permaculture architectural styles in their buildings, to conserving water, waste management, energy saving and education which has contributed to the biodiversity of our area just by incorporating Green Business thinking into their philosophy.

The brief talk will be followed by a walk around the site to visit what has been implemented.

PROFILE

Malcolm Vermeulen



After a visit to the United States and realising the extent of his passion for Africa and its associated fauna and flora, Malcolm became a qualified Field Guide and obtained a diploma in Nature Conservation. He has worked in various nature and game reserves throughout South Africa including Amakhala Game Reserve and the Kruger National Park which gave him a wide range of insights and experience into biodiversity conservation and management. Until recently he was the Environmental Control Officer at Meyersdal Eco Estate and is currently the Environmental Manager at Thaba Ya Batswana.

DATE: Tuesday 3 September 2013

TIME: 14:30 for 15:00

VENUE: Thaba Ya Batswana
Impala Road, Klipriviersberg Nature Reserve,
Johannesburg

COST: R50 pp payable at the entrance - includes finger snacks, cash bar available

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