



## **CAMPERS CHATTER**

## GANZEKRAAL 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019



Thank you Nadia for the Camp Report and all the campers for contributing pictures

## **CAMPERS**:

Helen

Frank and Nadia Gianni and Sally Ginger and Ruth

Craig and Rina

Michelle, Chloe and Michael

Ganzekraal, a hidden secret or shall I say under-rated

for most Capetonians (including me!), but what a piece of heaven. A glorious, sunny, wind free weekend was waiting to be enjoyed by the campers.

Frank arrived around midday and found Ruth and Ginger already enjoying the freshness of the ocean and tranquility of the West Coast hospitality. Everybody else arrived slowly thereafter into the afternoon and yours truly of course just before sunset. The fires got lit a little after sunset while everybody sipping slowly on their sundowners. We have welcomed Rina and Craig just in time before total darkness set in,



eventually, however even the night sky was a treat because we discovered an amazing star gazing app with Gianni! The star gazers were at it from searching for Orion's etc. far into the galaxy with much screaming of who's seeing what - lol!

We all enjoyed our Friday communal braai around a lovely fireplace and after enjoying our supper most campers followed Gianni and Sally into their site for extra warmth. Gianni was well prepared for the West Coast cold evening and had brought at least 4 heaters including Sally's electric blanket! Lots of chitter-chatter went on with some more wine and suddenly it was after 12 and off we went to our own nests.

A glorious Saturday morning awaited us and some of us enjoyed our 1<sup>st</sup> cup of coffee on the rocks whilst listening to the soft sound of the ocean. Michelle and the kids arrived and set up tent rather quickly. We couldn't get enough of it and myself and Sally embraced the freezing cold water looking for shells and rocks. After breakfast some of us decided to take a walk as Ruth told us about some weddings taking place.

Myself, Rina, Sally convinced Gianni and Frank to go with us on a small hike. Well-well, 1<sup>st</sup> wedding came in sight and Sally suggested we must gate crash the wedding as she was very excited about the cakes! Rina and Sally couldn't wait and took the lead to the wall looking for bride number 1. We stumbled upon the ceremony that took place already and the bride and her bridesmaids were taking their pictures. Rina politely asked the mother of the bride if we could take a picture with the bride too and click-click later, we were all smiling! Off we went in search for bride no 2 and found her. We were given the honour again to pose with the newly-weds couple, all smiles and giggles! What an exciting Saturday as the atmosphere at Ganzekraal was bouncing with happiness!







Saturday evening a fantastic communal fire was lit as we had 2 x galleys (I think that's what it is called!) and a glorious fire for the evening. We were reminiscing about our previous great camps and 'Piece of Shat' took the top spot! Michelle and the kids decided to tuck into bed  $1^{st}$  probably scared of the 'afvalmeal stories' we were talking about – lol! (from snoek eyes to marrow bones etc!)...

Most campers slept a little late on Sunday morning as the fresh air must have gotten to them and relaxation was a non-negotiable factor. (how lovely!!) Not a single camper was in a hurry to pack up and this only started much later. Eventually it was time to think of going home and the packing started. Sadly, all good things must come to an end too and Ganzekraal has been voted as a must for the autumn camp. A Glorious beautiful weekend indeed.

Nadia