Pilanesberg Wildlife Trust

July/August 2025 Newsletter

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Mission of the PWT

The mission of the Pilanesberg Wildlife Trust is to further conservation and social upliftment, in and around the Pilanesberg National Park.

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Annual Pilanesberg Wildlife Trust Golf Day

We are counting down the days to our annual Golf Day fund raiser! Contact Perry to book your four-ball slot for this fantastic event.

Environmental Dates to Remember

Below are the environmental dates which are celebrated either locally or internationally July and August, and those which are upcoming in September.

July

- World Chimpanzee Day – 14 July
- World Orca Day – 15 July
- World Snake Day – 16 July
- World Nature Conservation Day – 28 July
- International Tiger Day – 29 July
- World Ranger Day – 31 July

August:

- World Lion Day – 10 August
- World Elephant Day – 12 August
- World Orangutan Day – 19 August
- World Mosquito Day – 20 August
- World Wild Dog Day – 26 August

September:

- World Beach Day – 1 September
- International Primate Day – 1 September
- Amazon Rainforest Day – 5 September
- International Vulture Awareness Day – 6 September
- World Dolphin Day – 12 September
- World Clean-up Day – 16 September
- World Water Monitoring Day – 18 September
- Zero Emissions Day – 21 September
- World Rhino Day – 22 September
- World Gorilla Day – 24 September
- World Rivers Day – 27 September

PWT Donors

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who donated and supported the Trust during the months of July and August. Thank you too, to our regular donors, sponsors, and volunteers who support the PWT and Pilanesberg National Park:

- Toyota
- Copenhagen Zoo
- Makanyane Volunteers (MVs) and Saving the Pilanesberg Rhinos
- Friends of Pilanesberg (FOPS)
- Janeen Brown

World Rhino Day 2025

RPU Radio system upgrade in partnership with Hytera

Hytera began partnering with the PWT to upgrade the RPU teams' radios in 2023. This year they have come through again with another upgrade for the rangers, moving over to the newest digital mobile radio system and ensuring that they have communication lines available to them regardless of where in the park they are. Due to its size and very hilled terrain, Pilanesberg can pose a real challenge for rangers to maintain communication. Thank you Hytera for your continued support to rhino conservation in Pilanesberg!

Roads Update

~ Perry Dell ~

Yes we know it's not what we'd all prefer but it's a lot better. Thank you Andy Simaan and Ivory Tree Lodge for the improvement of Kgabo drive. The holes have been filled as much as possible, and the drive is smoother. Like I said a lot better until we one day get funds to do what's needed. Anyone wanting to donate to the road repairs please go to our fundraising page for technical projects. 100% of what you donate goes to the project. Thank you!

Above: Kgabo road with holes filled.

Notice to Park Visitors – No Fires

~ Perry Dell ~

All Pilanesberg National Park visitors please note a total ban on all fires at this time and until after the rains. Please use gas braai only if you have to cook/braai. The park is currently fighting fires on various fronts, and your support would be appreciated. If you would like to make a donation, please use the Snapscan code or visit our Technical Projects donation page. Thank you for your support!

Winos For Rhinos UK

This year Saving the Pilanesberg Rhinos UK hosted another super Winos For Rhinos event. The event raised at total of £545 (R12 715,89)! Thank you so much to all who participated and supported.

The Winos For Rhinos fund raiser is an initiative where participants gather for a fun day of socialising and competitive wine tasting. Each participant brings a bottle of wine and receives a Winos for Rhinos label to cover the bottle with. Each person is given a score sheet where they can grade each wine they taste, and the owner of the winning wine goes home with the grand prize of the evening. The event can be as creative as you like, and it never fails to be a day full of fun.

Left top and bottom: Winos For Rhinos UK fund raiser August 2025.

Biggestleaf uniform donation

Thank you to Biggestleaf Travel for your continued support of the staff in Pilanesberg. August saw their donation of new uniform sets to the office staff at headquarters, including branded tops, pants, and jackets for those chilly winter days. Having complete uniforms brings such a sense of pride, and we know the staff were very grateful!

Above: HQ staff with their new uniforms.

Biggestleaf TRAVEL

PWT Donations Information

The Pilanesberg Wildlife Trust is continually fund raising for different projects in aid of NWPTB and Pilanesberg National Park. Funds are generally raised in one of two ways, either general fund raising for the park, or specifically for designated projects. Both these options are important, as general fund raising allows the PWT to assist in a broad range of areas as needed by park management, and specific fund raising ensures the completion of a particular project.

For example, the continued maintenance of the roads in Pilanesberg. All donations made towards this project are earmarked as such and cannot be used for any other purpose in the park without permission from the donors. However, funds raised through our annual events and curio sales are not marked for specific projects and can be used for anything, from new boots for the rangers, to veterinary fees for animal treatments, to community projects, depending on what need arises.

As a donor, you can specify which project you would like your funds to be used for by stating this in your donation reference (e.g. P Dell – Rhinos), or by emailing your proof of payment to Perry and stating what the donation is for. You can also make a general donation in which case you would not specify a particular project. The PWT currently has a number of overarching fund-raising projects, namely:

Rhino Protection, Conservation Projects for various species, Technical Projects (including roads and fire prevention), and Community Development

You can find more information about these categories on our website: Projects - Pilanesberg Wildlife Trust.

The PWT is also a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO) which means we are able to provide 18A tax certificates for any donations – an individual or company is able to donate up to 10% of their tax amount to a PBO and receive a certificate of donation to send to SARS.

We recommend donors EFT their donations to our bank account or use our SnapScan code. Without these donations the PWT would not be able to conduct the work we do, and we are so grateful for the ongoing support we receive from both the public and corporate sponsors.

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