



ROCKLANDS CENTRE

Simon's Town

Newsletter

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Dear Rocklands friends & family
Greetings from the campsite
nestled between the ocean and
the sea! It's high time to bring
you up to speed with what has
been happening here in 2025!

2025: A year of renewed vision

From the Director's desk:

As I write this, the view outside my window is cold, wet and grey. There are no campers on site, and the only sounds are those of the staff preparing for the weekend camp... it is the calm before the storm of children and youth descending on us in an energetic, joyful wave.

Despite this being the quiet season, the year has been far from quiet. With two months left of our financial year, we are on track to exceed 18,000 bednights for the period of 1 September 2024 – 31 August 2025. We have had a number of staff changes and made significant investment in infrastructure. Many highs, and few lows, but through it all, we have served our clients and the Lord with increasing measures of excellence.

Some of the 2025 highlights include: (next page)



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Blessings - Hein

This year we have had a number of exciting staffing changes and additions:

Songezo Ngxabani started leading the *Solid Ground* Internship Programme in January. **Ahlangene Ntengento, Etaine Wilson** and **Kaylynn Maarman** – are the 'new interns on the block' for 2025. Even though they are technically not staff, they host each group that come and are often responsible for running onsite activities as well. In February, **Heather Daniels** – Bookkeeper – and **Wendy Joubert** – Development Coordinator – began in part-time roles. **Shannon Roubain** is officially overseeing Catering and Housekeeping and **Kim Warries** moved to Reception and Bookings at the beginning of May (our calendar is already looking a lot fuller!) **Lewis Magobeza** has also been provisionally appointed as a groundsman in June.



YEAR-TO-DATE NUMBERS FOR 2025



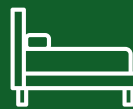
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FACILITION
ON CAMP*



4083

PEOPLE
STAYING



7824

BED
NIGHTS



20 846

MEALS
SERVED

* The photo inserts show some of the camps where we have run all or part of the onsite programming – e.g. rotational games; hiking; axe throwing; archery; and more!

This means increased opportunities to build relationships with campers, thereby moving towards achieving our mission to “**serve Jesus Christ through the provision of excellent camping facilities and programmes.**” Thank you for the part you play!

~ The Rocklands Team

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