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Totally  
taken  
by the  
Transvaal

As the title would indicate, this issue focuses on the Transvaal region, particularly central, eastern and south. Perhaps living in the city of gold, one tends to forget just how much the Transvaal region has to offer.

I realise that by the time you read this, the Transvaal, as most of us know it, will have been renamed and divided into different regions. Regardless of this, it still has much to offer the city dweller and the country lover.

In this edition we have attempted to bring a selection of some of the best that the region has to offer but as always encompassing a variety of venues, to suit all pockets. Whether far south, in Vereeniging or as far east as the Kruger Park, there is something for everyone.

Winter months, entice one to curl up in front of log fires, and warming bowls of soup, often with a good book. See our reviews this season for a larger than normal selection of novels, self improvement and coffee table offerings.

#### PIP IS ON THE MOVE!

PIP is on the move. By the time you read this, we will have moved offices to an area called Lammermoor which is located between Lanseria and Muldersdrift. For those of you unfamiliar with the area, it is north west of Johannesburg and only 15 km from our present offices in Midrand. We therefore please ask you to make a note immediately of our new postal address and contact numbers at the top of this page.

In addition to our new lines, you can also reach us on our cellular telephone number.

Please note these new numbers now:

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#### PIP LUNCHEONS

Wednesday 27 July:

Les Marquis, Sandton. Cost R65.

Tuesday 23 August:

The Rosebank Hotel, Johannesburg. Cost R65.

PIP SECRETARIAL SEMINAR (See p 5)

Tuesday 2 August: Rosebank Hotel, JHB. "Super Skills for Top Secretaries". R450 per delegate.

Bookings for all the above events on (011) 659-0064/5 or cellular tel. no.: 0824430548.

CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERTS  
AT MOUNT GRACE -

Saturday 20 August:

Tessa Uys gives a piano recital.

Saturday 10 September:

Galina Ryjikova pianist together with PACT's principal soloist. Both concerts commence at 10:30 in the Great Hall at the Mount Grace Hotel near Magaliesberg. Reservations are essential due to popularity of the events. Cost is R54 which includes tea and scones at the interval and lunch after the recital. Bookings: tel (0142) 771-1350.

#### A SPECIAL FOR OPERA BUFFS

The State Theatre in Pretoria will be putting on the famous opera Aida by Verdi. With costumes and decor by Anthony Farmer and Neels Hansen, the opera promises to be one of the most spectacular ever staged. The role of Aida will be sung by Michele Crider. Performances will be on 6, 9, 13, 15, 18, 22, 25 & 27 August at 20:00. All bookings through Computicket. A

#### ROCK 'N' ROLL RETURNS O S

For those who missed the Buddy Holly Story in the 1st time round, see it when it returns to the Civic

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"The Personal  
Touch"

As | write this, | am surrounded by mountains of boxes in preparation for our move. Why we move every three years | will never know but it just seems to turn out that way for one reason or another. In between pulling my hair out over people who never pitch up for appointments to quote on plumbing, electrics, building, etc | am endeavouring to keep the family and the office sane. | am seriously considering swapping places with my daughter, Lisa, at her boarding school who recently said goodbye to her present home, knowing that the next time she returns, it will be to a new abode.

Our visit to Kentucky was wonderful. In fact it is a part of the States that is not written about enough, probably because places like LA, New York and Florida get all the coverage. In a week, we saw Louisville (home of the famous Kentucky Derby), Lexington (better known for its cigarettes) and a million and one places in between including Cincinnati which always makes me think of WKRP, that zany, dated, TV programme. Horse ranches abound and even Southfork from Dallas looked tame compared to some of the houses in this "blue grass" country.

We particularly noticed how cheap everything was in the US. Jeans were a quarter of the price that we pay here, and silk blouses imported from the Far East were readily available for as little as R20. It set me thinking as to the mark ups that go on in the fashion industry and hoping that with our changes in South Africa we will see more products coming in from overseas at reasonable prices.

The timeshare we swapped was a pleasure, a large spacious flat which came with central heating (essential as temps were very low), dishwasher and microwave in addition to all the normal facilities. Junk food was eaten nearly every day (a major sin for the body and health) and loved by all.

Till the next time, | return to packing my boxes, B.T.B.  
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Have you heard?

About a great publication especially for budding and established writers. Called

"Writers World", it is published quarterly and advises on topics such as copyright, children's writing, self publishing and manuscript presentation to name but a few. At a cost of R41 annually it includes a wealth of information for anyone planning to break into the writing world and has articles by some of SA's leading writers. For more info contact Box 1588, Somerset West 7129, or phone (024) 852-4728 or fax (024) 51-2592.

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A new cosmetic range on the market. Designed for those who appreciate high quality at reasonable prices. Bianca Cosmetics was launched earlier this year and offers specialised products such as a chemical free sunscreen and all products subscribe to the principles of Beauty without Cruelty. Products are only available through home purchase. For details of your nearest distributor, contact Bianca Cosmetics at Union Swiss on (011) 805-3181 or (011) 704-2716.

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That the best way to view the big five is by hot air balloon?

Airtrack Adventures is the largest hot air balloon company in Southern Africa and the only one with the concession to fly over a National Park. Prices start from R560 per person for the flight and champagne breakfast and for an extra R125 you can fly over the Pilanesberg National Park and also go on a game drive. Special rates are available for corporates. For the

ultimate experience anywhere

in South Africa, go ballooning with Airtrack Adventures. Contact Leonore on (011) 957-2322/3 or (011) 957-2360.

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during the winter months.

WILLOWBROOK

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Going into the green season in the Cape, the delightful Willowbrook Lodge has been busy adding a few extras to its already home away from home facilities.

A pub has been added into the conservatory which will no doubt provide a welcome touch, especially when curled up with a good book in the

comfort of the warm, under-

Following requests from many of their loyal clientele, Bruce and Marianne have opened a small, elite conference room which seats up to 16 people in an U configuration.

A variety of options are available for the conference facilities, which include an Economy package for those merely requiring the room and morning and afternoon refreshments from R55 per person daily, to

the 200\234Day Tripper200\235 which offers

the same but includes their famous three course lunch for an inclusive rate of R95 per person.

For those wishing to stay over, an attractive half board rate from March to November of R245 per person includes bed and breakfast for single occupancy, daytime refreshments, three course lunch and use of conference room and standard equipment.

A special 200\234spouse200\235 option of R100 extra per night (Mar - Nov) is also available.

A full board option of R295

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which includes a la carte dinner with coffee is also available in the winter months. All options are applicable during the summer season but rates are altered accordingly. With its already well known reputation for fine cuisine and great hospitality, there is little doubt that Willowbrook will soon become a popular venue for small, specialised conferences and management get aways. For more details contactthemdirectly on tel: (024) 51-3759 or fax: (024) 51-

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â\200\234Nip beyond the barrierâ\200\235 by Felicity Beilovich is the true story of a woman who has fought against mental illness and went on to win the Golden Achiever Award.

The book is hard hitting and makes one seriously question certain medical practises. The determination with which Felicity applies herself is a story which is hard to read at times and one realises it must have been even harder to write.

The fact that she has shared her experience on life inside an institution makes one aware that she is a gutsy and positive person who came through an ordeal many would rather not think about.

An interesting but tough read! The book sells for R35,99 and is available from leading book stores or directly from the publishers - Lynx Publishing on (011) 883-1380 or (011) 884-1154.

â\200\234The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Peopleâ\200\235 by Stephen Covey is published by Simon and Schuster. As the title indicates, it is a book that is designed to make you think and this it does admirably through its anecdotes and insights as to how you can change your life for the better - the book is divided into four sections namely paradigms and principles, private victory, public victory and renewal.

Whether it is guidance in your personal or your professional life, this book helps you to achieve by explaining the principles of personal vision, leadership and management and continues via text and diagrams to take you through its pages.

The book is easy to read and

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provides an excellent reference

for anyone who wishes to succeed in all areas of their life today.

Available from leading book-sellers from R57,99.

A great novel to curl up with this winter is "Deceived" by Maria Barrett. For only R69,99 this hardback will take you into the life of Livvy Davis, a top TV presenter who appears to have everything until she is arrested for smuggling cocaine. The story takes place in South America, London and Scotland and is rivetting to the last page. Suffice to say I read it from cover to cover in 48 hours. A real treat. Also available is another of her novels just released in paperback called "Dangerous Obsession". Set in the fashion world this sells for R29,99. Available from Exclusive Books, Village Walk, Sandton and all leading bookstores.

For a book with a difference and a definitely weird sense of humour, try "Entertaining Angels" by Marita van der Vyver.

The book is written in a fairy tale fashion and is not suitable for those offended by crude language. It is the type of book that you can pick up and read a chapter and then put down again till you have another five minutes to spare.

The story revolves around Griet who meets Adam, an angel disguised as a surfer. Somebody she feels is totally unsuitable but wholly liberating.

Definitely one of the more unusual books around at the moment.

Published by Michael Joseph, it sells for R69,99 from most book stores.

WISE WINTER WORDS

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of Preparation, hard work and learning from failure."

General Colin Powell

SUPER SKILLS

FOR TOP SECRETARIES

Tuesday 2 August, Rosebank Hotel  
Cost R450 per delegate

08:30 Registration

08:45 - 09:00 Opening by leading business personality  
09:00 - 10:30 "Business etiquette today - the secretary's role"  
by Frances Beasley - Executive Director of Personal Improvement Plan and author of "A Guide to Business Etiquette"

10:30 - 11:00

11:00 - 11:45

Refreshment break

"Peak Performance - attaining it and maintaining it" by Carole Knight, Managing Director of First Impressions

11:45 - 12:30 "Computer wizardry made simple" by David Beasley, Group Information Technology Manager of Mathieson and Ashley

12:30 - 12:45 Delegates draw for a surprise two night break away  
12:45 - 14:00 Lunch and networking

14:00 - 14:45 Skin care and make up ideas for the office environment by Bianca Cosmetics

14:45 - 15:30  
15:30 - 15:45  
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16:15 - 16:30  
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"Communicating to win" by Carole Knight  
Refreshment Break

"You the superstar" by Frances Beasley  
Question and Answer session

Presentation of Attendance Certificates

Join PIP for this unforgettable seminar and celebrate the launch of Frances' book when she will be happy to sign personal copies for you.

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If accommodation is required, reservations must be made  
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Top events  
being held soon

Whitehead Morris, one of the most respected companies in the Southern African market place are holding some top rated seminars during the coming months, some of which include overseas speakers.

The first is the Receptionist Conference to be held at the Sandton Sun on 30/31 August. Speakers will include Dr Mel Siff and Ruth Herrman. It will be chaired by Charlotte Levin. Cost R1 290.

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The original Carnivore located in Kenya made sure that its South African counterpart lived up to every aspect of this famous eatery. Situated in rural Muldersdrift, the sight provides a perfect location for this total eating experience. The restaurant which is capable of seating a maximum of 200 people has the fireplace as its central feature which provides a spectacle in itself with the large joints of meat and kebabs being cooked on original maasai spears.

A selection of no less than 13 types of meat are offered nightly which may include wildebeest, crocodile, ostrich or springbok. An abundance of sauces such as chili, garlic, cranberry, apple and horseradish, to name but a few, arrive with a selection of salads to complement your main meal, which follows the home made soups and bread offered as a starter.

Vegetarians and fish lovers are not forgotten either with mouth watering selections such as Aviyal - spicy vegetables in a coconut sauce with rice or Kumbi Shaji which is mushrooms and green peas cooked in spiced yogurt.

The stone wall and geometric fabrics together with the zebra fabric chairs provide a truly ethnic feel and it is without doubt the place to take overseas visitors or a group who are looking for an unusual party venue. At R55 per head for dinner (R50 at lunch time), it provides excellent value for money, since you can eat as much as you like for that price. Defeat is only admitted when you lower the flag on your table. Wine prices tend to be on the high side but the staff are so friendly and well trained that it almost doesn't matter. Booking is essential and special rates are available for large groups and to tour operators.

International guest speaker,  
Ruth Herrman will be visiting  
from the USA to present a course  
entitled "Success Skills for the  
Professional Secretary" on 29/  
30 August in Capetown and  
again on 1/2 September in Jo-  
hannesburg. Ruth has ad-  
dressed groups across the US  
and Canada and has a Masters  
in Organisational Communi-  
cation Studies. Cost R1 362.

Local speaker, well known in  
the communications profession,  
Chris Curwin will be present-  
ing a three day course on Busi-  
ness Report Writing from 2 - 4  
August. Cost R1 495.

For further information on  
all the above events or details  
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grammes with these speakers,  
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#### RESTAURANT VIEW

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Nestling in the greenest of countryside not far from  
Magaliesberg and Muldersdrif, is the delightful  
Greensleeves restaurant.

Best known for its medieval feasts which are held  
on Friday and Saturday nights, it offers a respite from  
the usual restaurant atmosphere. Instead, you find  
yourself in a baronial hall, decorated with flags,  
pistols and shields from a bygone era.

The distinctly tudor feel, carries through all the  
buildings and the latest addition is Merlin's cave,  
which as one would expect offers an unusual venue  
for those wanting a party with a difference. The cave  
which probably linked up to the famous Sterkfontein  
caves creates a truly spooky atmosphere which  
lends itself to launches, unusual birthday parties and  
a really different place for the end of year Christmas  
party.

Food for the feasts is soup, followed by a selection  
of roast meats (beef cooked as it should be, magnifi-

cently pink in the centre and succulent and juicy throughout) and wonderful fattening home made puds such as peach crumble. :

Sunday lunches are ever popular and this restaurant which has been run by the same family for twenty years, upholds a tradition all of its own. The grounds include a large dam, the Jane Seymour honeymoon suite with its very own four poster bed, and day conference facilities for small or large groups.

A new service has just been introduced where Greensleeves will take its feasts to your venue and run the show for you.

"Humility is the patience of the strong and  
the hypocrisy of the weak. "

] Valentino Bomplani

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PRIVATE  
GAME  
RESERVE

Private game reserves are two a penny in the Eastern Transvaal and for the major one's to survive in this increasingly competitive environment is no easy task. For locals to afford these lodges, it is a matter of keeping an eye out for special deals particularly during the quieter winter months.

With a ratio of two staff for every guest, personal attention is guaranteed and in our instance was nothing short of outstanding. When I stated that in 15 years I had never seen a leopard or cheetah in the wild, the challenge was on. Needless to say, they delivered. The first leopard was seen on the night drive and the second (a young female calling for her cub) the following morning.

Drunk on exhilaration it was even more breathtaking when we came across a Cheetah with her three cubs on a kill.

The sheer beauty and sleekness of these beasts is a masterpiece of God's paintbrush and Africa is truly a wonderful place to be at such moments.

Ranger and tracker team of Leo and Rex were something out of a Laurel and Hardy movie both in looks and banter. Fear is not a word these two understand whether five metres from a white rhino or four from a large bull elephant. The respect they have for the animals is certain, the heart beats of their guests may be less so. The experience is without question unforgettable and one realises why overseas visitors clamour to visit such a lodge.

Food is probably some of the best that is on offer at any of the private game lodges although the accommodation and reception areas need some attention.

OLD JOE'S KAIA  
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Every hotelier's worst nightmare came true when Christine and Rob van der Welder awoke a year ago to find that the main building of Old Joe's Kaia situated in the Schoemanskloof region of the Eastern Transvaal, was on fire. The result is the "new" Old Joe's Kaia which was built during a period of six months closure in 1993.

In an attempt to keep the same ambience as before, to the untrained eye little has changed but it now boasts a new high ceiling dining room, a library nook for avid readers and even a special TV den tucked away from the main stream of the sitting room.

The large sitting area has been enhanced by a big Jetmaster fireplace



which keeps the main building as warm as toast in the winter months. The saying that every cloud has a silver lining certainly rang true for them since the fire enabled them to put on a sun deck from the french doors of the sitting area giving the visitor the chance to enjoy the views and still have a respite from the heat of the day.

The 13 rooms vary from thatched rondavels to log cabins. The honeymoon suite overlooks the duck pond and dovecote and a few moments spent sitting on the sofa on the balcony outside the room will have even the most hardened city dweller absorbed by the peace and tranquillity of their surroundings.

Meals are definitely for the hearty with five course dinners being offered. A typical menu would include soup, cucumber mousse, salmon trout and fresh vegetables, an unusual fruit brulee and finally cheese and biscuits or fruit if you have room! Portions are extremely generous and the average

appetite would be satisfied with just three courses. intissvereresaid

## TRANSCAAL REGIONS

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Set amidst avocado groves and through an avenue of tall jacarandas lies the enchanting Highgrove House. Entering your own personal suite there makes you feel truly like royalty and why not indeed when the name of this establishment carries the same name as that of Prince Charles' own residence in the UK.

Peter and Mary Terry have built this all suite lodge to pamper and spoil those who are used to the finer things in life and Highgrove certainly lives up to its reputation as being one of the finest places in the Eastern Transvaal.

Rooms are filled with bowls of fresh flowers and fruit while each suite boasts its own sitting room with comfy armchairs and fireplace. Verandahs look out over the rich lowveld countryside where acres of banana, avocado and litchi plantations stretch before you. The gazebo set in the bountiful gardens surrounded by towering trees provide a setting befitting the incredibly high standard of food for which Highgrove is renowned.

Lunch may comprise of avocado soup, pumpkin pie in a wholewheat crust followed by lavender ice cream placed in a brandy snap basket with fresh raspberries and blueberries complete with a spun sugar lid. Sheer perfection!

A brisk walk through the sheltered forest, avo groves and over nearby streams will provide a pleasant break before collapsing for the feast to come at dinner.

The two sitting rooms in the main building are tastefully decorated with antiques and an abundance of coffee table books ensure that most visitors curl up in front of the welcoming fireplace to read a few pages.

Dinner is a spectacle in the dining room which has been decorated in hues of burgundy and green creating an elegant country house atmosphere. Having already succumbed to homemade cheese straws and meat balls served with pre dinner drinks we were then tempted with a tasty cream of ratatouille soup followed by a fresh trout terrine wrapped in spinach with cucumber sauce. A choice of duck or veal for main course followed and the

piÃ©ce de resistance was the sinful chocolate mousse gateau created by layers of white and brown chocolate topped with a layer of dark chocolate which would melt any foodie's heart.

Highgrove is a mere two years old and yet it is fast gaining a reputation as one of the finest lodges in the country with cuisine to match.

rosebank hotel

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cnr Sturdee/Tyrwhitt Ave, Rosebank, Johannesburg  
Tel: (011) 447-2700 Fax: (011) 447-3267

This well known hotel, located in Johannesburg's northern suburbs, is ideally situated for delegates attending conferences from all locations. It offers ample secure parking (thanks to recent building additions) for those arriving by car and is within walking distance of some of the top shopping centres.

The Rosebank hotel offers 294 rooms and 24 luxury suites and is currently involved with a refurbishment programme.

The flagship restaurant "The Silver Rose" and the Lieh Wah restaurant are both available for the exclusive use of conference delegates at lunch times. Conveniently located on the ground floor are the five conference rooms which can accommodate from 10 - 300 delegates depending on configuration. All are equipped with all the requirements needed for presenters and delegates alike.

This hotel is able to offer one of the best value for money conference packages in the area.

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The Parktonian Hotel has really made a name for itself in Johannesburg, thanks to its good location and top quality service for which it has become known in the industry.

Perhaps it is because it has managed to combine good conference facilities with value for money accommodation and restaurants that please all palates. Further, its proximity to the Civic Theatre has proven to be a major pull for those staying at the hotel and for guests at the Civic who enjoy a "Theatre Evening" comprising dinner at the Parktonian, the show at the Civic and then returning to the Parktonian for coffee and dessert afterwards. Cost is R45 (excluding theatre ticket) including parking and shuttle to the theatre.

Other interesting innovations include the monthly wine tasting evening that takes place in the Meridians a la carte Restaurant at the hotel. For only R35 a head you experience a four course dinner and the opportunity to taste a variety of wines.

Braamfontein as many Transvaalers know, is a hive of activity during the day, due to the number of offices in the area. It was with this in mind that the Parktonian introduced its successful Business Lunch menu which offers a light two course meal for R34,50. This is in the Orchard

120 De Korte St, Braamfontein, Johannesburg Tel: (011) 403-5740 Fax: (011) 403-2401

Restaurant which offers a buffet comprising many hot dishes as well as complete health bar for the figure conscious.

If you are planning a conference, the Parktonian is

able to offer you a choice of two main rooms which can take up to 350 people for a cocktail party and 250 seated in schoolroom style and four smaller boardrooms. The latter being ideal for breakaways or small management — meetings.

The facility of the parking garage adjoining the hotel provides security regardless of the number of delegates. N With its convenient location, the hotel provides a central location for companies wishing to bring their delegates from the central Transvaal region and for those attending from further flung locations, the suite style accommodation makes delegates feel right at home.

The business centre on the premises, which offers full translation and secretarial services, gives overseas visitors the chance to have their business needs attended to on the spot, and with shuttles provided to the airport and the major shopping and business areas of the CBD, Rosebank and Sandton, the Parktonian is definitely

striving to provide a top calibre service to its clients.

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#### DALE LACE HOUSE

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Conveniently located in the north western suburbs of Johannesburg, Dale Lace House is a conference centre with a difference. A completely refurbished private house has been turned into a small conference centre which is suitable for groups of up to eighty people. Boasting two main rooms which are able to take groups up to 100, it has a special appeal with its location being close to Northcliff and with excellent access from the N3 highway.

The main conference room which looks out over the pool area gives a feel of getting away from it all. Even the most stressed out delegate has the opportunity to unwind during the breaks whether it be by taking a dip in the pool during the summer months or by playing volley ball on the specially created recreation area.

Three breakaway rooms are available taking from 10 - 20 people each. All equipment including LCD palate (Computer data projection and video projection) are included in the daily rate which starts from R69.

Catering is provided by John Morgan who is able to cook up a feast whether for brunch or a six course luncheon and this can be served either on the large patio directly outside the main conference room or in the main house during colder weather.

Because of its proximity to Johannesburg, there are a number of hotels within 15 minutes driving distance which are able to provide accommodation should it be needed. Perhaps the major appeal of this centre is its personal attention from managers Annabel and Judy who strive to put a personal touch to the centre so that one feels as if one is entering a private house which provides all the requirements for a business meeting or a larger conference.

For top level and highly confidential meetings, the venue is ideal since parking is off the road and the centre can be reserved for exclusive use should it be necessary.

#### MACCAUVLEI CONFERENCE CENTRE

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Nestling in a corner of the Vaal traingle, is without doubt one of the best kept secrets in the conference industry today. The Maccauvlei conference centre is reminiscent of a style and era rarely seen. Large spacious reception rooms, fine old wooden doors - all combine with the more recently added modern conference facilities which boast everything from fine acoustics to clocks on the back walls. (The latter an essential for any speaker who respects time management).

The fine wood panelled auditorium for 120 is popular both for its convivial size and its ability to bring delegates together who may have been participating in separate conferences at the centre.

With eleven lecture rooms suitable for from 10 to 50 delegates and their adjoining breakaway rooms, it offers an excellent base for management courses and the like. A dedicated computer centre is also available for those wanting to learn the latest in software packages and techniques.

Accommodation is available for up to 120 delegates with a variety of rooms available to suit most budgets. Perhaps the best attraction of all of this centre, is its location. Set amidst an oak forest and overlooking the Vaal River and the Maccauvlei golf course, it offers a rest away from the hustle and bustle of the city and yet is a mere 45 minutes drive from the centre of Johannesburg.

Aside from golf there are squash, tennis and volley ball courts for relaxation and recreation plus there is the superb food. So good, that many delegates complain of leaving several kilos heavier than when they arrived! Good wholesome cooking served either in the main dining room or in the large lapa outside which is particularly popular with wedding parties, matches a top hotel both in content and ambience.

Group rates start from R208 per person, mid week, fully inclusive whilst day packages are a reasonable R64 per person. All delegates at the centre have automatic temporary membership of the golf course.