



# Newsletter

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workers here including 12 carpenters and 17 builders. Job swap has truly happened as barman become brick makers and kitchen and chalet ladies help in any way they can from carrying bricks to ensuring that there is a glass of cold water for the builders when it is needed. There is a true sense of team camaraderie happening with everyone as excited as we are that we have the potential and the time to make Kaya Mawa even more utterly stunning.

November and it has all begun, so don't expect any glossy photos, although we will try to 'glam' up the building shots! Some of the photos may not even make sense until you get the next newsletter and compare or better still come and see for yourself when re-open on 1<sup>st</sup> April.



Some good news this week that after 9 weeks of form filling and begging with customs our first shipment has finally cleared which means that all our new baths and taps will be here sometime next week. It also means our hybrid power system we are installing has also arrived.



The view from the deck and over the new pool at Madimba House

We have been an 'eco' lodge since the start but we are always keen to improve on the old systems. One of our bug bears has been hot water. Technology when Kaya was first built didn't really have a commercially viable solar geezer that could be depended on, for the small business. Now it does. So we are breaking down all the wood burning boilers and replacing them with state of the art pressurized solar geezers guaranteed to give you piping hot water whenever you want and so doing our little bit to stop the destruction of the forests in Mozambique. The old dual power system we had in the rooms is also going. Fed up of 'lights out' at 10 o'clock we have bought a clever power system which will work on three levels to ensure that there is 24 hour power in the whole of the lodge utilising a combination of mains, solar and battery power and every light fitting being replaced with energy efficient low watt bulbs.

The uniforms Packed away and out have come the old clothes (in most cases the old uniforms), all the rooms have been emptied and the lodge in the afternoon must feel much like the Mary Celeste did only...after hit by a typhoon as decks have been torn up, doors knocked through, walls knocked down and trenches dug . With three months to get the job done we have over 80

Keep up to date by visiting our website, soon to be re-launched.

**Kaya Mawa**