

Dear Friends,

Hello again from the Vos family and all our staff.

Who might have thought that our 31st birthday could have been ruined by an invisible bug and that such chaos would ensue in the tourism industry worldwide! We really hope you have been able to keep the scourge at bay and, if not, that you have survived the experience unscathed.

We have of course been stationary since March but thankfully not idle, as we received permission to bring 100 of our 480

personnel back to site in mid-June to effect maintenance and continue the building programme, which had been so rudely interrupted. We also had three diesel locomotives that needed to be lifted and repaired in our workshops.

Pleasingly this downtime has allowed us to catch up with the refurbishing programme that had been falling behind in the first quarter. We can now expect to have 25 coaches repainted by year end and also plan to see completion of the eight carriages that were on the construction line at the time of lockdown - two pillared dining cars included.

On the schedule front we have designed two new exciting long journeys (featured

in this tribune) while we also give coverage to the inaugural Trail of Two Oceans sojourn that successfully ran between Dar es Salaam and Lobito last July.

The schedule for 2021 is certainly proving to be a gambler's challenge as without knowing what international

Rohan Vos

borders might open it is very difficult to judge which trips need to run and which do not. I think numerous passengers are probably waiting to see what transpires before confirming their accommodation, and this understandable scenario only adds to the confusion. We ask you for your understanding if changes need to be made to your booking and ask you please to appreciate that we cannot dispatch trains with less than breakeven occupancies. We will, however, endeavour to do our best to accommodate everyone.

> The reservations for the first half of 2021 are looking decidedly poor whereas in the second half of the year things are slightly better. It appears we should be able to run most of our scheduled journeys between the rugby international in July (which we are going to win) and December.

> The two big tradeshows of the year fell by the wayside, so regrettably we were not able to touch base with our major agents in Berlin or London. Nonetheless, we all look forward to pent up demand filling our trains in 2022.

> I wish to thank you sincerely for your kind support in the past and hope we might see you on board again in the not too distant future. I trust some of the enclosed content

might bring a smile to your face and conjure up some fond memories. Wishing you Kohan the best of health for the New Year.

EBRATING OUR LOCAL HEROS



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EAST to WEST

IN JULY 2019, OUR PIONEERING TRAIL OF TWO OCEANS TRAIN BETWEEN DAR ES SALAAM AND LOBITO TRAVELLED THE FAMOUS EAST-TO-WEST COPPER TRAIL - THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY THAT A PASSENGER TRAIN RAN THIS ROUTE.

Our train arrived back from its mammoth journey on Friday 6 September 2019 having completed six different journeys. These included Pretoria to Cape Town, Cape Town to Dar es Salaam, Dar es Salaam to Lobito, Lobito to Dar es Salaam, Dar es Salaam to Cape Town and Cape Town to Pretoria – a distance of 23 400km!

Daphne Mabala, our ever graceful and fearless train manager, oversaw the operations and we feel that the journey's success was in large part due to her dedicated management. She was well supported by her team and Rohan, who seemed to spend most of his time shaking the hands of dignitaries,

2019 ANGOLA



THAT ATT THE MARK

The tourism department and railways went way beyond the call of duty to ensure a safe and successful journey, while the journalists and TV crews had a field day giving our visit huge publicity. Our thanks to everyone who met us along the way with such enthusiasm and support - you added a memorable and touching element to the journey that we could not have anticipated or hoped for.



THE TOURISM DEPARTMENT AND RAILWAYS WENT WAY BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY TO ENSURE A SAFE AND SUCCESSFUL JOURNEY, WHILE THE JOURNALISTS AND TV CREWS HAD A FIELD DAY GIVING OUR VISIT HUGE PUBLICITY.



politicians and tribal leaders whilst posing for photographs. Also on board were historian and raconteur, Nicholas Schofield, hair stylist and guest liaison, Craig Geater, the formidable service staff, an excellent kitchen and laundry team and our mechanics supported by a strong maintenance duo.

The trip ran well in both directions with minimal adjustments to the running schedule. The receptions at Lubumbashi and Kolwezi were a surprise while the officialdom and huge crowds meeting the train in Angola was unbelievable. Governors, ministers, tribal leaders, mayors, railwaymen, clergy and many other dignitaries - all dressed up in their finest – were on hand to meet the train at all major stations accompanied by numerous musical groups and dancers.



The saying goes "save the best for last" and the best of this entire experience had to be our wonderful guests - our band of intrepid travellers who braved this new route with us! Thank you for travelling with us and helping make it the journey that it was. Thank you too for your wonderful feedback and constructive suggestions on how we might improve the itinerary - all of which are being fiercely debated between Rohan and journey coordinators, Alicia and Regardo. We can't wait for next year!





BY ROHAN VOS

On 13 July 2019, our train left Dar es Salaam on this historically significant voyage to Lobito on the west coast of Angola. Although the railway line from Dar to Kapiri Mposhi in northern Zambia was completed in 1975 by the Chinese, the line in Angola was by this time closed due to civil war constraints, so it was not previously possible to travel the full route between the two cities. The war-damagea line in Angola was rebuilt by the Chinese and only reopened in late 2013.

I had initially surveyed the line through DRC and Angola in 2015 and then again in April of 2019, so was very excited to be breaking new ground on this trip with numerous friends and seasoned travellers on board. The journeys proved successful and the pictures herewith indicate the incredible reception we received in both countries. The Angolans made good use of



by Brenda Fitchet

our visit as a tourism publicity opportunity and thus gave us fantastic exposure on their radio and television channels.

We were extremely pleased to receive all the assistance we could possibly expect from the railways of DRC and Angola and of course look forward to working with them annually.

Our motto at Rovos Rail is to celebrate our wins but never rest on our laurels so planning for 2021 and beyond is well underway. And because Rohan is not one to sit still, we suspected that not only would he tweak the Trail of Two Oceans itinerary to perfection but that he'd be flying all over Africa exploring additional routes too ... And herewith overleaf, we'd like to introduce the Copper Trail and African Trilogy. >





Travel across the mighty Zambezi from the incomparable Victoria Falls towards Kafue River for a **sunset cruise**. After a visit to Lusaka's elephant sanctuary where teams rescue and rehabilitate orphaned elephants, fly into South Luangwa National Park (Zambia) for a threenight safari. With its western and northwestern edge bounded by the Muchinga Escarpment and the southern border lined with the meandering Luangwa River, there is no shortage of dramatic and fascinating topography in this beautiful game-rich park. Enjoy a tour of Lubumbashi (DRC) then join the historical copper trail for short walking tours detailing Angola's recent history with journey's end in Lobito.



SHONGOLOLO EXPRESS **AFRICAN TRILOGY**

This new panoramic sojourn winds its way across Southern Africa from the Indian Ocean in the east to the Atlantic coast in the west.



Starting in **Pretoria**, descend the spectacular escarpment to the world-famous Kruger Park for a game drive. Explore the Kingdom of eSwatini followed by a game drive in Hluhluwe wildlife reserve and a tour of Durban and its botanical gardens. Traverse the Valley of a Thousand Hills and the imposing Drakensberg Mountains to visit the 1870s mining village of Kimberley, centre of one of the world's notorious diamond rushes. Continue through the semi-desert region of the Karoo to Upington and the Fish River Canyon, second in size to the Grand Canyon. Cross the untamed beauty of the Kalahari Desert to see the quiver trees at Garas Park, home to roughly 300 specimens of the Aloe dichotomy. Take a short flight to Sossusvlei for a lodge stay surrounded by the dramatic dunes of the Namib-Naukluft Park. Enjoy desert drives, a bush dinner and breakfast near Deadvlei where camel-thorn trees contrast against the white-clay pan floor. Visit Namibia's lively capital, Windhoek, and a cheetah conservation project before overnighting in the game-rich **Etosha Park**. Leave the vast stillness of the Namib Desert for the wild Atlantic coast and journey's end, Walvis Bay.

COACH BUILDING

Rebuild, Repair & Restore

We started 2020 with the intention of finalising the construction of our sixth train, which would in fact be a duplicate of the Shongololo Express that we had rebuilt between 2015 and 2017.

This 19-car train would have an additional combination lounge next although there are predictions from some quarters that the to the observation car that would consist of bar, smoking lounge, tourism industry will take up to four years to recover. I am, gift shop and seating for 14 guests. By the end of March, when however, working on a 24-month graph and, with this as a lockdown arrived, we had pleasingly managed to complete nine background, felt that we should rather complete building while of the 19 cars and were making some progress on the remaining things are quiet. This will allow us to refurbish continuously once stock. We were lucky to we are up and running.

have permission granted to return 100 of our workshop staff to work in mid June and could therefore continue with construction. Having no trains running certainly helped to accelerate matters and it looks like we might manage to complete the second nine cars by the end of this year.

This investment decision I hope will prove correct at the end of the day,





My Rovos Tribune



WORKSHOP UPDATE

Most times, when all trains are operating, it is especially difficult to remove coaches for attention. We usually have six coaches on the refurbishment and painting line, which creates a huge headache for the consist planning. By mid 2021, we will have a full set of spare coaches available for interchange that will permanently remove this pressure. >



COACH BUILDING

WORKSHOP UPDATE



5 Sleepers & 2 Pillared Dining Cars

sleeper carriages from the municipality in Creighton, Natal. Hans Sturgeon, now retired, spent nearly three months moving them down the 120km line to Pietermaritzburg. He and his team, with the help of mechanical shovels, had to reopen a line that had been closed for some years rebuilt in our style as sleepers and the last two are in production due to lack of maintenance and extreme weather erosion.

In August 2019 we purchased seven Our Capital Park property maintenance team - under the control of Stanley Bubuluma – provided valuable assistance in less than pleasant circumstances away from home. Ironically, we had rebuilt these carriages in 2010 for the Ingwe Municipality for a project that regrettably did not mature. Five have now been as pillared dining cars.

PULLMAN GOLD SUITES

DOUBLE: 189x189cm · SPLIT TWIN: 189x75cm · $\pm 7m^2 / \pm 76ft^2$



NEW





This redesign of the Pullmans is as a result of the separate twin requirements from our long-journey supporters. The en-suite bathroom was reduced in size allowing the beds to be built lengthwise. All in all a great improvement.





LOCOMOTIVES





POETRY IN LOCOMOTION

We love our locomotives and relish in refurbishing them all in house. 1-2 Our 1893 6-Class loco, 'Tiffany', is undergoing a massive rebuild. All stays and tubes are being replaced. **3** An 18-month rebuild on the 'Tiffany' boiler. **4** 1973 No.2357 diesel. 5-6 Coach bogey. 7 1948 25-Class refurbishment. 8 Our 10 000sqm workshop. 9 No.1202 is a newly rebuilt V12-cylinder awaiting new bo-bo bogies. 10 Pressure guages in the boiler room. **11** Rebuilding a coach water tank. 12 We are starting with the rebuild of No.2185. Three scrap diesel locos are being rebuilt and – once complete over the next nine months - will give us 13 longhaul 100-ton locos



WORKSHOP UPDATE





The Rovos Collection ROVOS RAIL, SHONGOLOLO EXPRESS AND ST JAMES GUESTHOUSES



Bespoke train safaris through the heart of Africa combine magnificent scenery with the glamour and excitement of the golden age of leisure travel. In a series of journeys lasting from 48 hours to 15 days, Rovos Rail links some of the subcontinent's greatest destinations. reservations@rovos.co.za

JOURNEYS All available in reverse

CAPE TOWN

3 days 1600km Pretoria-Cape Town Rediscover the old pioneering trail through the stark beauty of the Karoo.

DURBAN SAFARI

3 days 800km Pretoria-Durban Venture into the heart of the South African bushveld and cross the Drakensberg escarpment.

VICTORIA FALLS

4/5 days 1400km Pretoria-Victoria Falls See one of the natural wonders of the world.

GOLF SAFARI

9 days 2100km Pretoria-Pretoria A kaleidoscope of golf, game and scenic beauty to entertain discerning players and astute travellers.

NAMIBIA SAFARI

9 days 3450km Pretoria-Walvis Bay Explore untamed deserts and the wild Atlantic on this incredible odyssey. 10 days from 2022

AFRICAN COLLAGE

10/11 days 3700km Pretoria-Cape Town A rich tapestry of landscape, game, history and culture covering South Africa's top destinations.

DAR ES SALAAM

15 days 5800km Cape Town-Dar es Salaam Embark on this epic voyage across Southern Africa through five countries.

TRAIL OF TWO OCEANS

15 days 4300km Dar es Salaam-Lobito A pioneering east-west African adventure.

COPPER TRAIL

15 days 3100km Victoria Falls-Lobito Unite a natural wonder of the world with the copper trail on this new expedition.





COLLECTIONS & COMBINATIONS

Discover our packages on rovos.com or consider combining some of our journeys.

PRIVATE HIRE

See our bespoke offerings for private and corporate train safaris on rovos.com.

THE SUITES

NEW

Vintage carriages combine with modern luxuries in three suite types on board: Pullman/Pullman Gold ±7m², Deluxe ±10m² and Royal ±16m² available in double or twin configuration. All have en-suites with shower, toilet, basin and bath (Royal only), tea facilities, safes, air con, linen and amenities and are serviced daily. See latest Rates & Dates, General Information and T&C at rovos.com

SHONGOLOLO EXPRESS

The Shongololo Express provides a very special touring experience for visitors to Southern Africa. The four rail journeys of between 12 to 15 days traverse South Africa, Namibia, eSwatini, Mozambique and Zimbabwe. reservations@shongololo.com

JOURNEYS All available in reverse

AFRICAN TRILOGY

15 days 5000km Pretoria-Walvis Bay This new flagship tour is a rich tapestry of landscape from the mountainous east to the wild deserts of the west.

GOOD HOPE

15 days 3900km Pretoria-Cape Town A grand odyssey offering amazing insight into well-known destinations across South Africa and eSwatini (including optional golf).

SOUTHERN CROSS

12 days 2500km Pretoria-Victoria Falls An impressive panoramic journey through South Africa, eSwatini, Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

DUNE EXPRESS

12 days 3800km Pretoria-Walvis Bay An epic journey of discovery to the Atlantic.

ST JAMES GUESTHOUSES

Discover our elegant seaside retreats overlooking the vibrant fishing village of Kalk Bay and St James with majestic views across Cape Town's False Bay – a perfect addition to our rail journeys. guesthouses@rovos.co.za

THE MANOR has an aura of grandeur and old-world charm with a magnificent wood-panelled staircase leading up to six en-suite bedrooms, each of which bears the name of historic, local characters of St James. The individually decorated rooms are opulent with gorgeous floral fabrics and calm colours, Persian carpets and early English and South African antiques. Carved into the mountain is a private and wind-protected swimming pool where those reluctant to leave the exclusive environment of the house will no doubt happily while away the warm summer days. 6 suites

HOMESTEAD VILLA is unmistakably Cape Dutch with its centre flanked by two grand gables and wings. The house boasts a tiered garden with pool and deck, six beautiful sea-facing suites, a well-equipped kitchen and laundry, open-plan lounge and dining and an upstairs lounge with great views. VILLA RENTAL ONLY 6 suites



THE CABINS

THE TRAIN

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Vintage carriages combine with modern luxuries in two cabin types on board: Gold $\pm 7m^2$ and Emerald $\pm 10m^2$ available in double or twin configuration. Both have en-suites with shower, toilet and basin, tea facilities, safes, air conditioning, linen and amenities and are serviced daily.

Each train has accommodation carriages, dining cars, a bar, smoking lounge and observation car with open-air balcony. Meals are served in one sitting only with fine South African wines available. The atmosphere on board is relaxed and casual. In maintaining the spirit of a bygone era, there are no radios or TV sets on board and the use of technology that has the ability to disturb other guests is confined to the privacy of cabins. See latest Rates & Dates, General Information and T&C at shongololo.com









STAFF NEWS

REST IN PEACE

DAR-ES-SALAAM

GERT JANSE VAN VUUREN 19/07/2020

Gert goes back a long way with Rovos Rail. I met 19 YEARS WITH ROVOS him when he initially started as a steam loco driver under Wolf Mensing's charge in May 2001. If ever there was a man who was passionate about steam, Gert was it. There were many evenings when he would regale me about the attributes and idiosyncrasies of our locos and of those he had driven in the past. He considered the six locomotives we had operating at the time his family. He would never talk about a 19-class or a 6-class loco but would prefer to call them by name, which was a tradition we had followed since inception back in 1987. All our locos are named after our children and family, and last but not least after Zog, my beloved Dalmatian.

When Gert reached retirement age, he was the perfect man to take over our museum from Wolf who had regrettably passed away. Nobody was better qualified or capable of taking a rusted relic and returning it to its former glory than Gert. He was expert at welding in patches and sanding items down for the inevitable painting job, which he so enjoyed. The collection in the museum grew steadily under his guidance and the stationary exhibits outside in the yard are a tribute to his energy. He was also an avid gardener...the flower beds and lawn in front of our boardroom are a testament to that.

For anybody that visited Gert in the museum, his passion and dedication would shine brightly through. We will miss you, Gert, and trust that wherever you are, you have your much loved steam locos nearby.

GERRIT JACOBUS VAN DEN BERG 21/01/2020

13 YEARS WITH ROVOS Gerrit (or Gary as we called him) joined us in January 2007 as a qualified plate layer. His responsibilities

on our property were the 12km of railway line that we utilise as well as the pits, cranes and coal-stage that make up the support infrastructure at Rovos Rail Station. He was a tough man - and needed to be. The job is hard, demanding and most times thankless. The heat in summer is extraordinary and being outdoors all day, every day, certainly takes a toll on the strongest of men. Gary's staff knew that he was never to be challenged - especially with a sledge hammer... The story is told of his driving a sleeper nail (a half-inch thick) into the hardest of woods with five hefty blows!

Gary always had a smile on his face and, until he fell ill, I don't think I ever saw him in a bad mood. A religious man, he would often enough endeavour to straighten me out if he thought I was erring in my ways. Nevertheless, there was much light needling between us.

The good condition of the tracks in our 60-acre property are a tribute to his efforts and will be of service for many years to come. Go well, my friend. We think of you often.





AN AFRIKAANS POEM WRITTEN

FOR GERT BY RUDI ROUSSEAU

~ Ou Grote ~

Hier staan ek nou; afgetree, nutteloos. Hulle was 'n hele klompie die dag toe hulle my hier kom los het. Meeste was vrolik, het tee gedrink en gelag. Net ek het gehoor hoe sug hy sag. Daardie eerste dag, ek onthou dit goed. My met 'n trommel in die hand gegroet en gesê: "Dagsê Ou Grote."

Hy het my koper opgevryf, my heerlik bederf en my elke dag vertel waar ons orals gaan swerf. En toe sy stoker my voer met kole het ek geglo daai vuur gaan nooit weer sterf. Daardie eerste sak en pak, daardie eerste tree het hy my soveel trots gegee; ek het gefluit dat die hele stad antwoord gee.

Berge op en berge af, geen aflewering was te straf, en wanneer hulle aan broodjies smul, het ek heerlik voort gedraf. Eenmaal was daar sneeu op die spoor, ek onthou dit goed hoe het ek gegly en byna my vastrap verloor. *Hy het rustig teen die spoor op gestap, toe sag* in my oor kom fluister: "Ek weet jy probeer en ek weet jy kan die berg hieroor."

Die aarde het gedreun, die berge weerklink en toe ek my kom kry, lê die afdraende voor. Die trots in sy stem was soos musieknote in my oor toe hy sê: "Mooi so Ou Grote." Ek was sy kameraad, vertroueling, vriend en maat en teenoor my het hy sy hart uitgepraat. Soms het hy niks gesê nie, net ver vooruit gestaar.

Maar met die vat van sy hande, die kyk in sy oë, sy emosies was daar, sal ek dit ooit vergeet, ek kon sien dat iets aan hom vreet. Dit was wel 'n somersdag, maar hy het meer as gewoonlik geweet, hy het net kort-kort oor my koper gestreel. "Baai my ou maat," het hy saggies gesê. Ons het so baie gedeel. Hy het weggestap, so moeg en verstote, stadig omgedraai en gesê: "Totsiens Ou Grote."

Ag as ek eenmaal die vuur in my kon voel brand, en ek mis die opvryf en die vat van sy hand, ek het bly glo hy sou terugkom en altyd bly hoop, en nou die dag het twee vreemdes my van onderdele begin stroop. Toe sê die een vir die ander: "Vir die een is daar ook nou nie meer hoop; en terloops, het jy gehoor, sy drywer, Gert Jansen van Vuuren is laas week dood."

Hartseer klink die note ver weg: "Totsiens Ou Grote."

Farewell Tributes by Rohan STAFF NEWS

JOY STRYDOM

I met Joy in Cape Town in 1988 before we launched the train - and it was her sound tourism experience

that guided me through the first few years of our existence. We attended our first trade show in Berlin together in 1988 and, with plenty of input from her and others, I was introduced to the marketing process. Launching a new product on the world stage was a daunting prospect at the

time as money was short and the audience seemed unbelievably vast. A start was made, however, and with her energies and steady hand the Rovos brand grew exponentially.

All that know her will agree that Joy is a pleasure to have around and that her work ethic is beyond reproach. She became a rock in our operation and with her readily imparted advice and opinions she made a massive contribution to the marketing team and the company that thrives today. Thank you, Joy!

BEATRICE COLLON



Beatrice joined Rovos Rail in 1992.

I clearly remember interviewing her on the balcony of the Victoria Hotel in Pretoria, which at the time we were busy renovating. She had a box full of languages under her belt and besides was well travelled, so the match with Rovos was perfect. She took charge of the local Johannesburg

market as well as southern Europe including her home country of Belgium. This was later extended to South America where her language mastery was a great boon.

Beatrice moved to Knysna some years ago and has planned to build a new home there so we will not be seeing as much of her as we would have liked but, pleasingly, we will be contacting her to represent the company internationally where necessary. As part of our family, we look forward to a further long relationship. Thank you 'Bea' for your contribution over the past 28 years and wishing you a happy new home. Keep some rum in stock, please!

Right: Beatrice, Rohan and Joy in 1993 with an award from the Institute of Marketing Management



BRUCE PARKINSON -



Bruce joined Rovos Rail in 1997 and, after an eight-year stint managing the trains, was put in charge of the

workshops and the upkeep of our 60-acre property. He then moved on in 2011 to being operations manager in control of our relationships with the the railways and specifically the submission of running times for our various monthly journeys. He also took control of charters, which

requires extensive knowledge of the railway system and the practical opportunities at each stop. These dealings included the neighbouring territories of Namibia, eSwatini, Botswana, Mozambique and Zimbabwe. We thank you, Bruce, for your extended service and your contribution to the growth of the company and wish you good luck in your future endeavours.

From left: Melody (25), Karin (25), Kenny (25), Marielle (25), Charles (25), Lorraine (20), Busi (15), Elizabeth (15), David (15), Victor (15), Marcia (15), Audrey (15) and Hendrick (15).





31 YEARS WITH ROVOS

28 YEARS WITH ROVOS

23 YEARS WITH ROVOS



It is sometimes hard to believe how long staff members have been working here but as many say: "Rovos is in our blood!" We are fortunate and grateful for your service and thank you for your dedication.



John Dadford

Poppy Masile

2020	
30 years	CONNIE NKUNA
25 years	CATHRINE MTHOMBENI JOHN DADFORD MELODY MAISHMAN KARIN WHITAKER KENNY WINNAAR MARIELLE WYNBERGEN
20 years	LORRAINE LIEBENBERG
15 years 2019	BUSI NGCOBO ELIZABETH NKOANE DAVID MOKONYANE VICTOR BANDA MARCIA MDLADLA
25 years	POPPY MASILELA CHARLES SIMELANE
15 years	AUBREY PIETERSE HENDRICK PHIRI

APPOINTMENTS

STAFF NEWS



From left: Alicia Taljaard, Catherine Shilakwe, Hennie Caltiz, Lawrence Zulu, Rudi Oberholzer, Nadine Potgieter and Dominique Helberg

Tiffany Vos-Thane Promoted to Chief Operating Officer • Alicia Taljaard Promoted to Sales & Operations Manager • Catherine Shilakwe Promoted to Kitchen Supervisor • Hennie Caltiz and Lawrence Zulu Promoted to Train Manager • Rudi Oberholzer New Loco Workshops Manager • Nadine Potgieter New Procurement Assistant (Procurement, IT & Beverage Store) • Dominique Helberg New Chef Liaison

TEAM BUILDING

Congratulations to the 2019 winners

Thank you to everyone for their hard work. It sure was another busy year with great and challenging trips so your commitment, loyalty, good work ethic and upbeat attitudes are very much appreciated.



ON SITE

Associate of the Year Hannetjie Storm Laundry Team Employee of the Year Maria Hadzi Kitchen Dineo Mogotsi Train Staff Ops & Beverage Store Johanna Vilakazi Upholstery Isaac Muhlangu Train Exterior Sydney Modise Train Interior Donald Silaule Site Team Stanley Bubuluma Carpenter Jacob Makou Loco Driver Abie Davis Shunter Samuel Mothokoa Loco Department Vincent Mtimbani

ON BOARD

Train Manager of the Year Adam Bentley (2nd) Deputy Manager Hennie Caltiz Admin Deputy Khangwelo Mudau Chef Anton van der Merwe Barman Mara Barnard (2nd) Dining Veronica Vermeulen Hostess Aria Mentz Kitchen Oniccah Matsimela Laundry Bongiwe Mthembu Passage Lydia Moeletsi Maintenance Jonas Motshabi (2nd)









Rohan and Anthea welcomed their second granddaughter, Maya June Fitchet, to the family in March this year. Born to their eldest daughter, Brenda, and her husband, Adrian, Maya came into the world a few days before level five lockdown began -so just in time!

WELCOME MA