The Tau Farm Journal

Spring Edition Newsletter

ISSUE I

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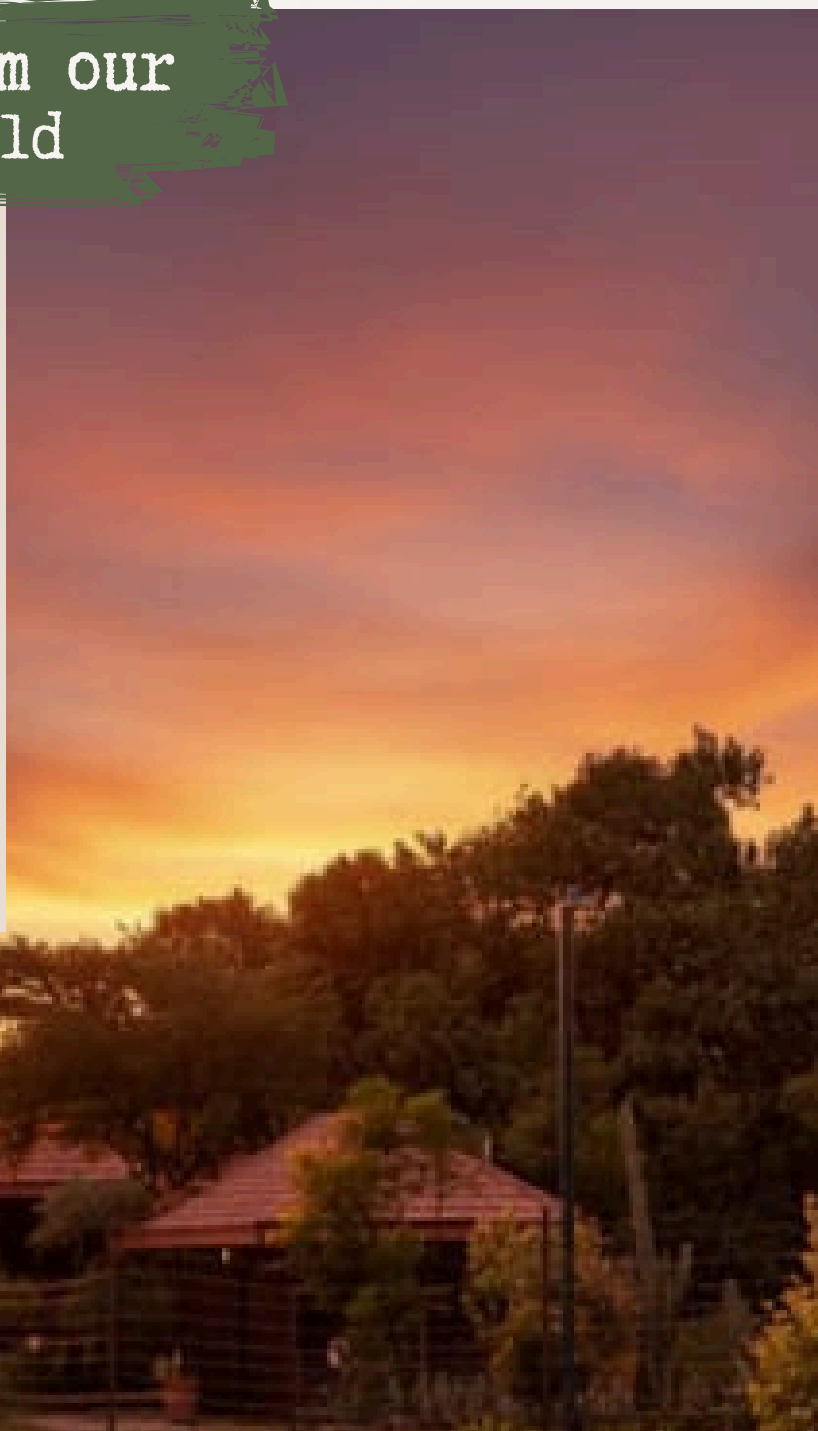

A little note from the bush.....

Each season at Tau Farm brings its own magic, and this past quarter has been no exception!

We've spent much of our time finding our feet on our new, much larger property, getting to know our wild neighbours, tackling big and small projects, and navigating more than a few learning curves.



There have been moments of frustration (quite a few, actually!) and plenty of unexpected challenges, but even more of those simple, everyday moments that remind us why we fell in love with this place.

Who knew two city slickers would have so much to learn about life in the bush? We're certainly figuring it out as we go, usually with a little help from Google and a good sense of humour!



We're so grateful to share a little glimpse of our life here. Whether you've been following our journey from the beginning or have only recently joined us, thank you for being part of it.

So, grab a cuppa, get comfortable, and here's a little look at what we've been up to over the past few months.

With love from the bush,

The Wilsons x

Life Lately at Tau Farm

Projects & Progress

- SOAK PIT
- FRENCH DRAIN
- FOUNDATIONS FOR MORE JOJO TANKS
- REBUILT THE ROCK ENTRANCE FLOWER BOX
- SPRUCED UP THE VERANDA CUPBOARDS
- REVAMPED SOME BEDROOM FURNITURE
- LOTS ON THE CARDS....
- HAPPY TO REPORT WE HAVE A BLUE POOL!!

If there's one thing we've learned about farm life, it's that the to-do list never gets shorter. It just gets more interesting!

We've tackled a soak pit for the office shower, repaired the animals' water trough, and bought some lovely rain chains for the gutters we still need to install. That project is patiently waiting its turn!





Of course, our septic tank had other plans for us. Yet another issue meant digging an entirely new French drain and redoing all the piping. The ground was so unforgiving that our guys even managed to break the jackhammer! Never a dull moment.

On a happier note, the veggie garden is coming along beautifully. Cucumbers, sweet potatoes, butternuts, gem squash, peas, pumpkins, radishes and cauliflower are all in the ground. And our new herb seed tray has acquired a permanent tenant – a tiny frog who enjoys free board, lodging and meals while moving between the parsley, coriander and basil. Clearly, he's found himself a rather lovely little home!
We've also added some sawdust to our owl box in the hope of attracting new residents, while our bats seem to have finally moved on.

And in between all the digging, planting and wildlife management, we've managed to give the cupboards and some bedroom furniture in Tau's Den a little makeover.
Our motto of making things I% better every day is certainly being put to the test. Some days it's a pretty cupboard, other days it's a giant hole in the ground!
But slowly, surely and sometimes rather unexpectedly, Tau Farm is becoming everything we imagined. 🌿

Our wild neighbours

There is never a dull moment when you share your home with the wild, and the past few months at Tau Farm have certainly kept us on our toes!

Our new 65 kg salt lick has become quite the attraction, with the animals popping in regularly for a little top-up. We're still curious to see just how long it will last!

And then there's Tweetie, our little familiar chat, who has become rather attached to us. She's no longer content to wait on the veranda. These days, she comes looking for me at the main house and even at the office during the day. Apparently, I now have a feathered supervisor who likes to know exactly where I am!









Of course, life in the bush isn't always just about the sweet moments.

We've discovered that our kudus are showing signs of a copper deficiency, which has sent us down yet another rabbit hole of learning about wildlife nutrition.

We also had a worrying few days with one of our older, pregnant wildebeest. She had suffered a horn injury to her rear and really wasn't doing well. We called in the vet, who treated her with several antibiotic injections. Thankfully, the very next day she was back on her feet and reunited with her herd. What a relief that was!

But perhaps the loveliest part of this season has been all the new life around us.

Our resident thick-knees have decided that Tau Farm is the perfect place to raise a family and are nesting in the garden. We've also been keeping an eye on our baby jackals, and another little zebbie has joined the growing nursery out on the plains.

There is something incredibly special about watching these little lives begin, knowing that this patch of bushveld is their home too.

Where the wild feels like home. 🌿

Bruno's Corner



- HEAD OF SECURITY
- FENCE PATROLS
- PLAY SCHOOL DAYS
- AWLAYS UP FOR A WALK
- PROFESSIONAL SQUIRREL CHASER
- KUDU HERDER
- BOUGIE FARM DOG
- DETERMINED NAPPER

Bruno may be our six-year-old bundu dog and self-appointed Head of Security at Tau Farm, but we have discovered that our brave bushveld protector has a few weaknesses!

He's quite happy patrolling the fence, investigating suspicious smells and keeping a watchful eye on the farm. But let a bug cross his path, and suddenly our fearless security guard isn't quite so fearless!

And heaven forbid we bring out the net to rescue a bird or relocate a lizard that's found its way into the house. The moment Bruno spots that net, he's off to find somewhere to hide!

Of course, this is the same rugged farm dog who still enjoys his days at Fila & Floyd, socialising with his friends and embracing his slightly bougie side.

So, while Bruno may have the title of Head of Security, we've come to realise that his job description has a few exclusions.

Bugs, birds, lizards and anything involving a net are definitely not his department!

Until Next Time...

And just like that, another few months have flown by at Tau Farm!

Thank you for following along as we figure out this whole farm-life thing. We've had our fair share of head-scratching moments, unexpected expenses, projects that turned into much bigger projects, and plenty of things we never imagined we'd have to Google!

But amid the chaos, there are those wonderful little moments—a kudu at the gate, a new baby on the plains, a beautiful sunset, or simply sitting on the veranda watching the world go by. We still pinch ourselves that we get to call this place home, and we love sharing a little of it with you.
Here's to another season of learning as we go, laughing when things don't quite work out and appreciating all the little things along the way.
With love from the bush,

The Wilsons x
(and Bruno)

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