



## TORC LAAGER 7 OOSTEWAL OUTSPAN 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> FEB 2024

The Oostewal Caravan Park, located in Langebaan, is one of our favourite parks because it is within walking distance from the beach, pubs, restaurants, shops as well as a well-stocked Spar. It's also a short drive from Club Mykonos and the Laguna Mall. It has 66 campsites sites and 15 cottages for hire.

We expected this outspan to be a small, intimate affair as it was hastily arranged to take advantage of the very low tariffs. This is our second outspan for February and it allows us to have 12 outspans for the year. Unfortunately, not all our members, and the usual family visitors, could make it.

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February:

The Hendricks and Cables were lucky enough to be able to arrive on Thursday. The Hendricks arrived before us and warned that the wind was blowing a bit. Fortunately, by the time we arrived it had died down reasonably well, and we could set up our awning without any bother. That evening, Wayne found a good, sheltered area behind his caravan, in a corner of bushes which provided extra protection from the wind. Once the fire was lit, the food was prepared, we could relax, chat and chill.



### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:

The Hendricks were initially going to go out for breakfast but instead decided to have some of their leftover supper for breakfast and save themselves some money in the process. We also made breakfast then chilled a bit.

First to arrive was Keith, sans his wife. Their daughter wasn't feeling well, and she was looking after their grandchildren. She did say she will arrive on Saturday. Wayne and I helped Keith set up his caravan and awning. Keith continued to unpack his things while we wandered off to do other things.

Next to arrive were the Vicars: Gavin, Nicky, Jason and Callum. They set up next to us.

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Later that afternoon, Wayne, Keith and I went for a walk on the beach. We were amazed by the number of people taking kite surfing lessons. Keith and Wayne also looked for suitable fishing spots as they planned to do a bit of fishing over the weekend.

That evening, we decided to use our small suitcase braai to prepare some meat for our supper. Since we were the only ones to have a fire going, everybody decided to add their meat after we were done. Since it's a small braai, everybody had to be patient and take turns braaiing. We were pleasantly surprised how well our little baby braai performed!



### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February:

After breakfast, the Arulandus, together with Jason and Callum, went for a drive to the beach. Nicky and Gavin went for a walk. The Hendricks went for a drive to run some errands. Bonny and I went into town to get a few odds and ends. We were hosts for the evening and needed a few items. Bonny also looked for wool to continue with her charity project of providing blankets/knee rugs for the elderly.

That afternoon we started preparing the food for the dinner. People were curious and kept coming over to see what we were up to (we never told them what we were up to). A fire was started, and charcoal added. First to go on the coals were the kebabs: peppadews stuffed with creamy cheese, then wrapped in bacon, and chicken kebabs with pineapple pieces and mushrooms.

The starters went down well with everyone.



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By the time we started to with the main meal: roasted chicken pieces and mixed veg, the rain decided to come down. Everybody huddled under our awning. It did not damper our spirits as the food preparations, eating and chatting continued unabated. The main meal was followed by dessert: fruit cocktail and blue berry ice cream.



Huddling under the awning made it quite cosy and the conversations continued well in the late night.

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February:

After a bit of slow start to the morning, we had the Indaba at 10h00. The Hendricks decided to stay another night. Desiree, Natalie and Mason, said their farewells and left. Keith decided he will also stay another night as he **wanted** to go fishing! The Vicars and the Cables then started the dreadful deed of packing up – always the worst part of a camp.

It was a very pleasant, chilled and enjoyable camp.

Until the next one, cheers!

### *Bronwyn and Russell*

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