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The Wanderer

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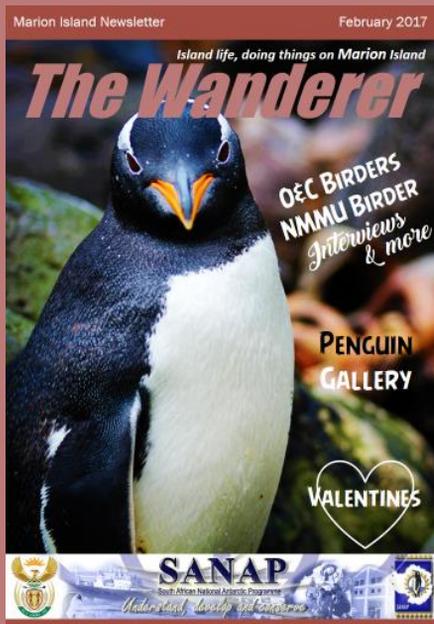
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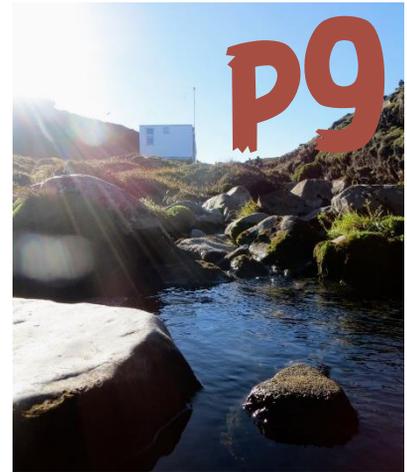
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Letter from the Editor



February- the month of LOVE. Valentines day- Swoon. So, why do we celebrate this day and who the hell is St Valentine?

From 13-15 Feb, way back in the 3rd Century A.D, the Romans celebrated the feast of *Lupercalia*. This involved sacrificing a goat and a dog, using their hides to whip women lined up in the streets. I know this probably brings *50 Shades of Grey* to mind, but this was actually done in the name of fertility. They also held a matchmaking lottery- think *Tinder*, but not as fun.

During the same century, on the 14th of February one year, Emperor Claudius II executed two men (both named Valentine). The reasons remain speculative, but, the main point is that a couple hundred years later the Catholic Church honoured their martyrdom with the celebration of St. Valentine's Day.

As the centuries went on, poets like Chaucer and Shakespeare romanticized it in their work, and handmade paper cards became the tokens-du-jour in the Middle Ages. By the 19th century, factory-made cards by Hallmark took-over and are still very much part of our Valentines celebration today.

Across the world, in celebration of Valentines day this month, some people will splurge on useless trinkets and over-priced cards for their loved ones. Others will eat their emotions in a SAD (that's Single Awareness Day) way. Here on Marion, with no access to our bank accounts or shopping malls, we can't partake in the modern day version of Valentines Day. But we can enjoy the island through the eyes of a poet, showing our love and appreciation for Marion through literature (see "Last touch" on pg.4). In my family, and I am sure this may sound familiar to many of you, "last touch" is a sort of sentimental way of saying goodbye. You would usually touch your loved ones outstretched hand, hanging from a vehicle window (be it car, bus or train), and fondly say "last touch" with tears pricking your eyes and a weak smile on your face. And so this month, dedicated to all those long distance Valentines out there that we "last touched" over 8 months ago, we have included a special page of love just for you!

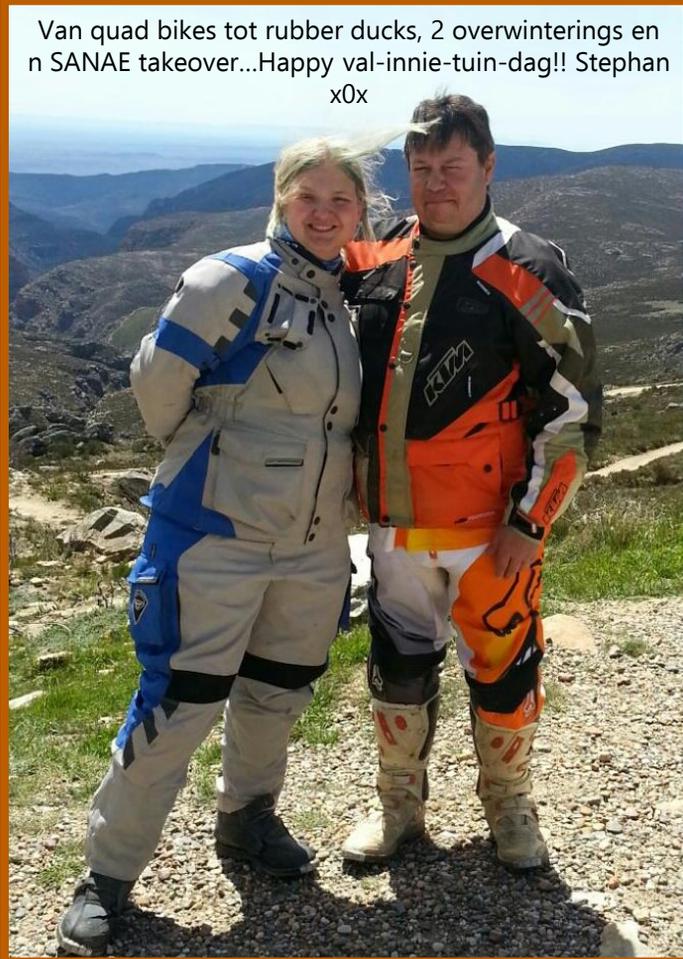
We can officially say that our relationship with Marion has indeed reached long-term status, making the 300 days on the 6th of February, Thando's Birthday! (see pg.35). Speaking of long-term monogamous relationships, PENGUINS. Yes, these little guys make faithful partners, reuniting with the same female year after year during mating season according to David Attenborough. Although we have seen very different things here on Marion. Nevertheless, you can check them out in our Penguin Gallery.

CAMILLA KOTZÉ
EDITOR

♥♥ valentines notelets ♥♥



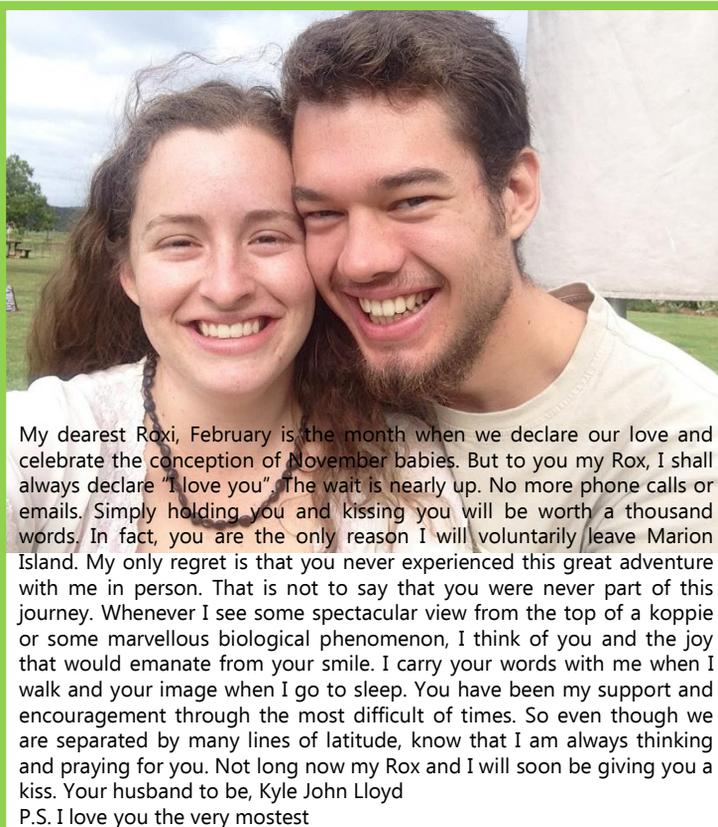
My dearest Precious, thank-you for being my Valentine throughout my SANAE and Marion expeditions. I love you



Van quad bikes tot rubber ducks, 2 overwinterings en n SANAE takeover...Happy val-innie-tuin-dag!! Stephan x0x



DC, wishing we could have spent at least one day together this month-whether it was on Valentines Day or not. PS. Happy Birthday! Love you forever x



My dearest Roxi, February is the month when we declare our love and celebrate the conception of November babies. But to you my Rox, I shall always declare "I love you". The wait is nearly up. No more phone calls or emails. Simply holding you and kissing you will be worth a thousand words. In fact, you are the only reason I will voluntarily leave Marion Island. My only regret is that you never experienced this great adventure with me in person. That is not to say that you were never part of this journey. Whenever I see some spectacular view from the top of a koppie or some marvellous biological phenomenon, I think of you and the joy that would emanate from your smile. I carry your words with me when I walk and your image when I go to sleep. You have been my support and encouragement through the most difficult of times. So even though we are separated by many lines of latitude, know that I am always thinking and praying for you. Not long now my Rox and I will soon be giving you a kiss. Your husband to be, Kyle John Lloyd
P.S. I love you the very mostest



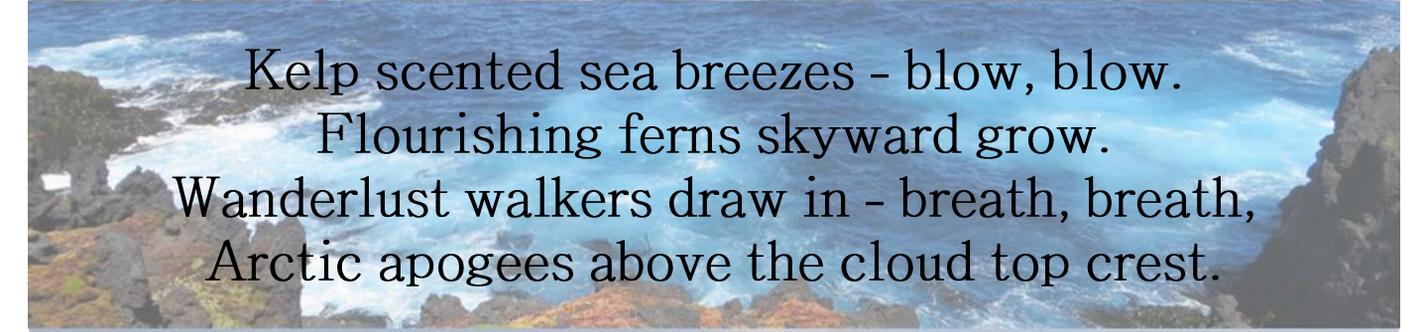
Clinton, Gelukkige Valentynsdag al die pad van Marion! Ek stuur vir jou baie liefde saam met n Albatros terug Suid Afrika toe. Nog net 2 maande oor! XXX



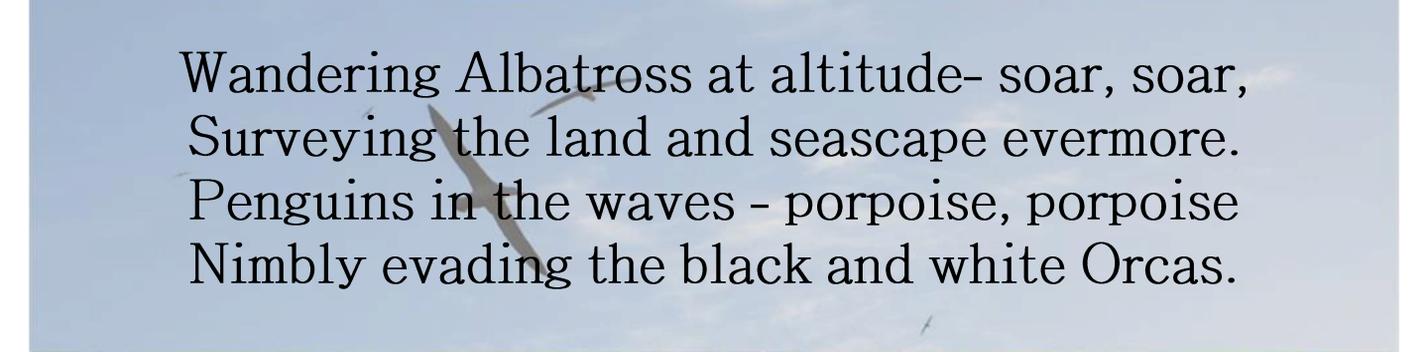
“Last touch”

by Camilla Kotzé

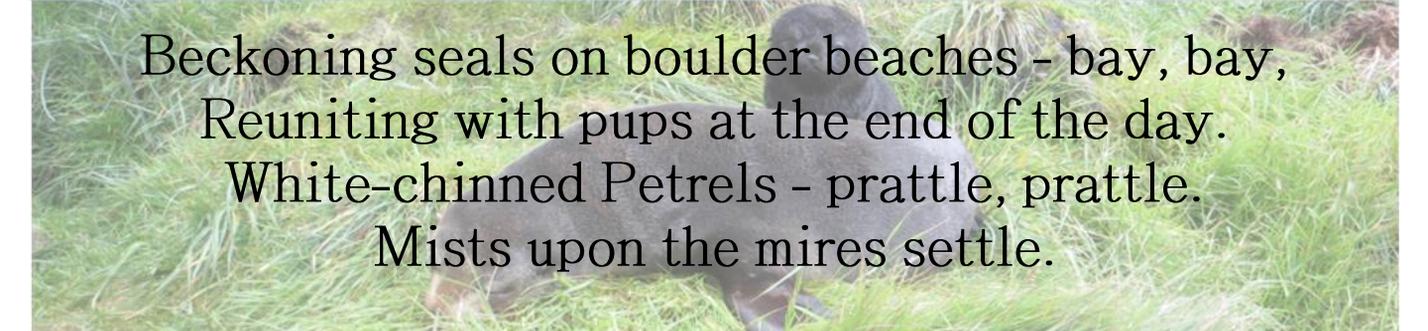
Pin pricked heavens - pound, pound,
Needle ice heaves at the bare ground.
A young summers day - breaks, breaks,
Moisture trickles down lilac grass blades.



Kelp scented sea breezes - blow, blow.
Flourishing ferns skyward grow.
Wanderlust walkers draw in - breath, breath,
Arctic apogees above the cloud top crest.



Wandering Albatross at altitude- soar, soar,
Surveying the land and seascape evermore.
Penguins in the waves - porpoise, porpoise
Nimbly evading the black and white Orcas.



Beckoning seals on boulder beaches - bay, bay,
Reuniting with pups at the end of the day.
White-chinned Petrels - prattle, prattle.
Mists upon the mires settle.



Light plays upon Marion's face - blush, blush,
Strands of sunlight saying “last touch” .



MORE BIRDY BABIES

The Paddies (left) and King Penguins (right) have chicks now too! The King chicks look a little like naked mole rats, nevertheless, young life is so precious!

A birders perspective:

by Deo Masofla

Stuck in a deep puddle of mud: Last kick of a dying pup



On the 2nd February I went to Archways to do our daily Macaroni penguin breeding chronology monitoring. The day started off like any other, it hadn't rain for the past five days, with constant open skies and the sun on my back I was determined to get the best of it by carrying my camera along. After my work I passed by this popular little pond where Fur Seal pups (*Tropicalis*) are usually frolicking about. After a while as I was chilling/watching them with joy I became aware of this constant distress pup call.

There were a total of six pups drowning. I could see the terror and desperation in the eyes of the four at the top, the other two were already lethargic and despondent, which I almost missed, evidence that they've been in there for a long time.



Some people may argue to say don't interfere with nature's processes, but I believe we're part of nature, therefore, any help I can offer to suspend the death of an individual I feel it'll be a pleasure rather than an obligation. At least now they can die in the open where Skua's and GP's can have lunch. That's called a birds eye view

Q&A WITH O&C ORNITHOLOGIST

DEO



WHO IS DEO?

I, Makhudu (Deo) Masotla (O&C Ornithologist), hail from the savannah of Limpopo, Polokwane. I did my Masters in Ecology at the University of Limpopo, which was driven by a lifelong passion of animals and nature.

WHY MARION ISLAND?

Marion Island is a magical place, also a place where you'll have the rare pleasure and privilege of working with animals unlike any other. Ever since I heard of it, it had been my dream to be here, so each year I applied until the third time when I was invited.

WHAT WILL YOU TAKE HOME FROM MARION?

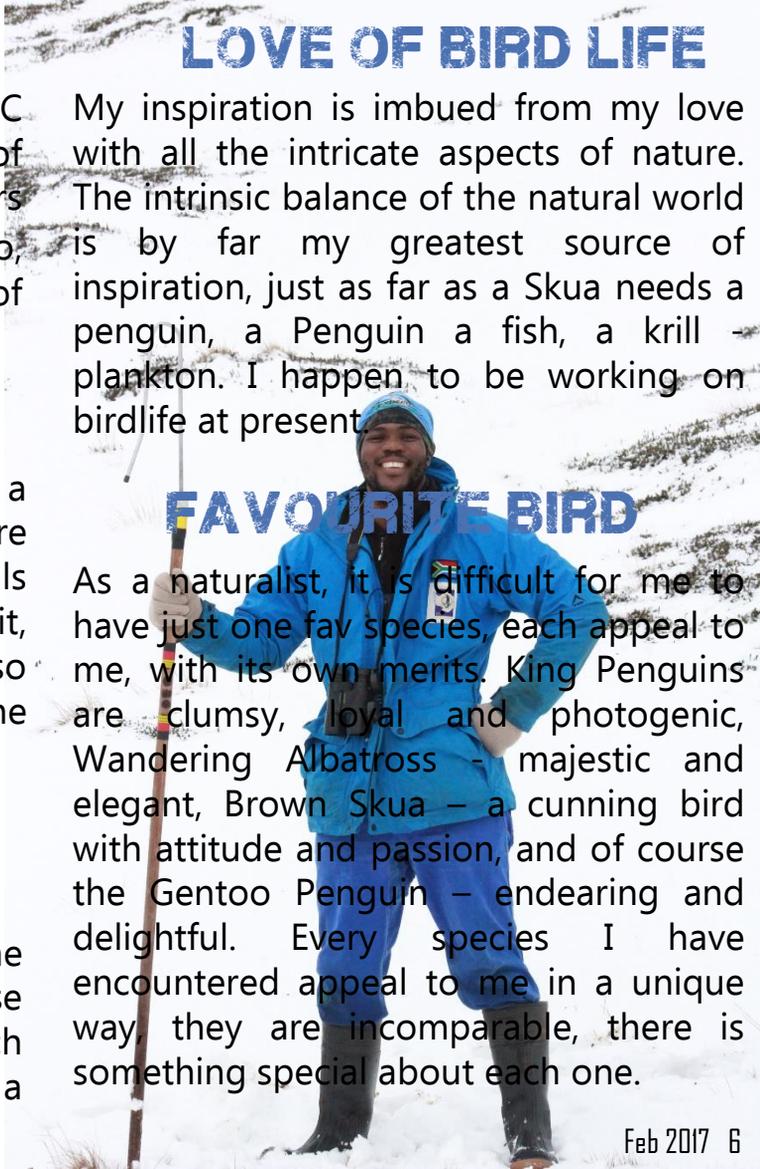
It's not so much what I will take from the Island but who I became from all those experiences and memories made, which is a better conservationist and a proficient researcher.

LOVE OF BIRD LIFE

My inspiration is imbued from my love with all the intricate aspects of nature. The intrinsic balance of the natural world is by far my greatest source of inspiration, just as far as a Skua needs a penguin, a Penguin a fish, a krill - plankton. I happen to be working on birdlife at present.

FAVOURITE BIRD

As a naturalist, it is difficult for me to have just one fav species, each appeal to me, with its own merits. King Penguins are clumsy, loyal and photogenic, Wandering Albatross - majestic and elegant, Brown Skua - a cunning bird with attitude and passion, and of course the Gentoo Penguin - endearing and delightful. Every species I have encountered appeal to me in a unique way, they are incomparable, there is something special about each one.



Night-birding

by Makhudu Masotla

Night-birding on Marion Island emanates from a detailed monitoring programme of burrowing petrels. It was pioneered by Mike Schram in the 1980's, and has become more prominent after the eradication of feral cats in 1993. Presently it is done to ascertain the proportions of burrowing Petrels which reflect their abundance and distribution on the island. Monitoring these birds form part of a long term data collection which looks at presence/absence ratios across seasons. Over time this provides a trend which is the basis for any scientific discovery.

At first night-birding was done four times a month at four locations (Albatross Lakes, Nellies humps, Junior's hill and Skua Ridge), presently it's been done twice each month at two locations (Nellies humps and Skua Ridge).

This close scrutiny provides a monthly assessment of seasonality and abundance of species. Moreover, observations of fledglings, especially of an uncommon species warrants the possibility of breeding activity on the Island.

A few common species you're likely to spot on a night-birding session are: Salvion's Prion, Prion, Blue Petrel, both Diving Petrels, Grey-backed Storm Petrel, Grey Petrel, Kerguelen Petrel, White-chinned Petrel and Great-winged Petrel. There's also a few records of Black-bellied Storm Petrel and White-headed Petrel.

Recipe for a successful night birding session:

1. Location, location, location.
2. Basic bird identification skills and care
3. Correct weather conditions (overcast but not raining)
4. Equipment
 - 200 / 100,000 CP Spot lamp
 - 12v Battery (x2 depending on the session length)
 - Stop ruler and basic ruler
 - Vernier calipers
 - Weighing scale
 - Bird sack
 - Ringing pliers
 - A set of bird rings
 - Field book & Pencil

Method

When darkness covers the sky you pack your apparatus and head to the location. Get settled, plug the spot lamp to the battery, switch on and start swerving it from left to right, up and down in the sky and start identifying birds. If a bird needs to be caught, you simply maintain the luminance on the bird, it will slowly come down to land next to you. Gently pick it up, once a bird is in your hands, cover the head with a bag (it calms them) and then measure biometrics and weight, then score molt and ring it. The bird can then be released safely.





Ultamate

Accessories

TEXT BY CAMILLA KOTZÉ

♥♥ Foxes in love ♥♥



Fox inspired knit-wear makes for a cute Valentines pairing.

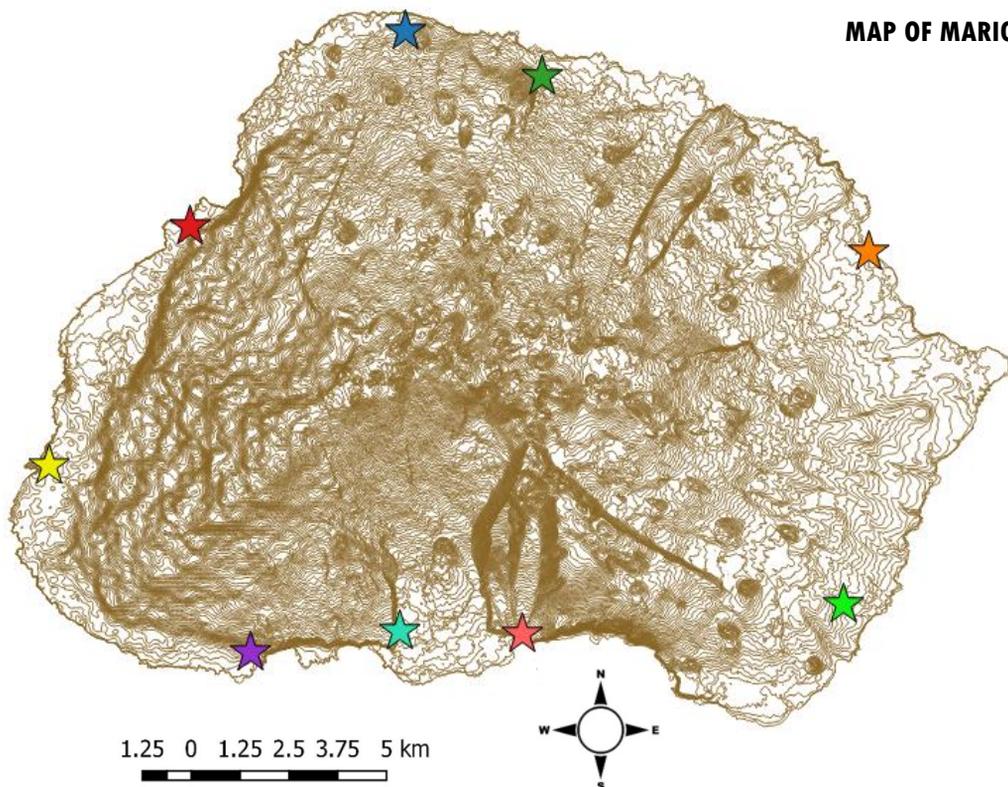
Nasreen is wearing the "foxy ears" headband and her gym counterpart Deo, is keeping his boxing fists warm in fingerless fox gloves.

This is a trend everyone is sure to follow!



Readers' Round Island

MAP OF MARION ISLAND: Position of Kildalkey



LEGEND

- ★ Cape Davis
- ★ Grey Headed
- ★ Kildalkey
- ★ Mixed Pickle
- ★ Repetto's
- ★ Rocks
- ★ Swartkop's
- ★ The Butternut Hotel
- ★ Watertunnel
- Contours

Readers' Round Island:

HOTEL CALIFORNIA

Kildalkey Hut Review

Kildalkey hut is very much like any other on the island, however, the ghost Hans and its location lends it a different feel. Many who stay at Kildalkey have a story or two to share about their strange encounter with Hans. Nevertheless, it's the perfect distance from base for a hut night getaway, and the tranquil setting is the cherry on top. Nestled in a ravine parallel to the Kildalkey river which soothes you to sleep at night (except when its in flood), and an easy walk to some amazing bays where you can sit amongst the many sea-bird colonies. This is possibly why sealers and cat hunters from previous years affectionately named the hut Hotel California. "You can check out any time you want, but you can never leave." Jessie Berndt later relabelled it *Hybrid House* as it was her home away from home, away from home as the only birder on the island that also worked with seals. Regardless of the nick-name, you will love your stay here!

PHOTO: Kildalkey Hut with river in flood. It was named after the SS Kildalkey, a sealer vessel which brought people to Marion Island before its S.A annexation in 1948.



Green Hill



Photo by Kyle Lloyd

Kildalkey Hut

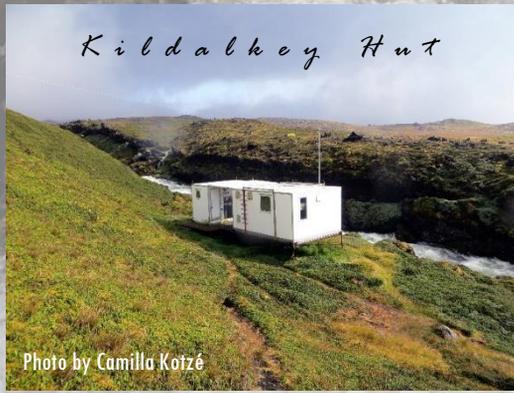


Photo by Camilla Kotzé

View from the loo



Photo by Camilla Kotzé

THE ROUTE FROM WATERTUNNEL TO KILDALKEY

From Watertunnel, you make your way up the valley onto the Feldmark Plateau. This is where you will pass the infamous Karookop, it has brought many an islander to their knees in gale force conditions. Walk along the length of Black Haglet, down and over Johnny's Neck keeping Green Hill to the right and you will arrive at Kildalkey hidden in the ravine.



Photo by Kyle Lloyd

Kildalkey Bay

Thousands of Macaroni Penguins on the opposite side of Kildalkey Bay; 15 minutes' walk south of the hut.

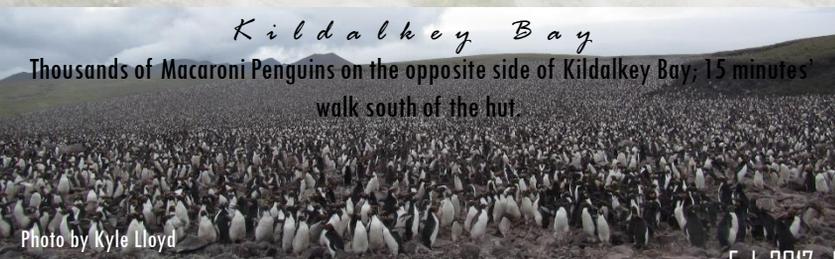


Photo by Kyle Lloyd

HUT RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Chakalaka Spaghetti (serves 3)

by Camilla Kotzé

Ingredients

Methods

1. Mix soy mince with enough hot water to saturate it, let stand for 10min.
2. Start to boil, adding water as mince soaks up moisture. Then add tin tomato and baked beans. Add the soup powder and pepper.
3. Let excess water cook off.
4. Meanwhile in another pot, boil spaghetti until *al dente* (8 min)
5. Top with cheese as desired



Imana Soy Mince: 2 boxes (one Chakalaka and one Pepperoni flavour)

Fatti's & Moni's Spaghetti: ¾ of 500g bag

Chakalaka soup powder: 2 tbsp

Cheese (from base): to your taste

Coarse black pepper: a pinch

Tin tomato and onion: 1 can

Baked beans: 1 can

	AVE	MAX	MIN
TEMPERATURE (°C)	8.4	19.3	2.5
PRESSURE (hPa)	1003.5	1024.9	984.5
HUMIDITY (%)	77	96	35

MAXIMUM WIND GUST	125.3 km/h
TOTAL RAINFALL	94.8 mm
HIGHEST IN 24 HOURS	17.6 mm
TOTAL DAYS WITH RAIN	20 days
TOTAL DAYS > 1 MM	13 days
TOTAL SUNSHINE	143.4 hours

Photo by Camilla Kotzé

January

KING

Gallery

A selection of excellent photographs taken buy our team members



WINNERS

TOP: 'Kipping King' by Nasreen Khan
&
BOTTOM: 'Coasting King' by Nasreen Khan





2nd & 3rd

TOP: 'Curious King' by Albert Snyman
BOTTOM: 'King Chick' by Albert Snyman





Highly Commended

TOP: 'King-ception' by Makhudu Masotla
BOTTOM: 'Kings at the Coast' by Louise Gadney





Highly Commended

TOP LEFT: 'Egg checking' by Jessie Berndt
TOP RIGHT: 'Chick checking' by Makhudu Masotla
BOTTOM: 'Chilling' by Louise Gadney





Highly Commended

TOP RIGHT: 'Spot the Space Monkey' by Kyle Lloyd

LEFT: 'Kings Call' by Kyle Lloyd

BOTTOM RIGHT: 'Adult and Adolescents' by Kyle Lloyd

BOTTOM: 'Kings of the Castle' by Kyle Lloyd





Highly Commended

TOP: 'Chagrined Gentoo' by Albert Snyman
BOTTOM: 'Penguin in pause' by Albert Snyman



GENTOO



Highly Commended

TOP: 'Check this chick' by Albert Snyman
BOTTOM: 'Mommy and me' by Marileen Carstens

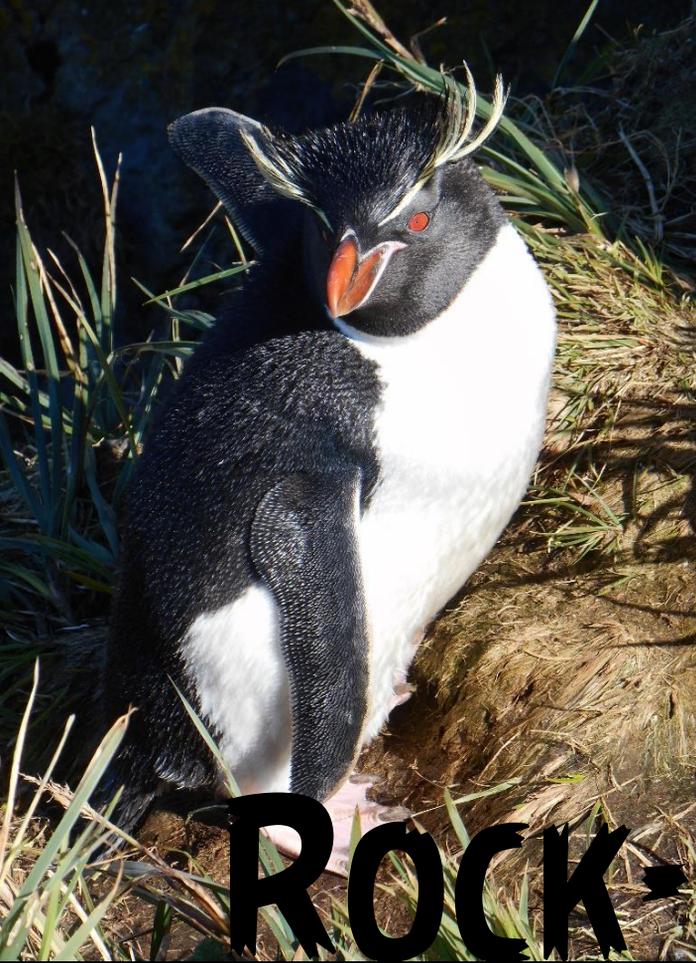




Highly Commended

TOP: 'Ele reprimands Gentoo' by Kyle Lloyd
BOTTOM: 'Gentoo in Sulk' by Kyle Lloyd





Highly Commended

TOP LEFT: 'Sun bathing Rocky' by Camilla Kotzé
TOP RIGHT: 'Rocky's in Love' by Marileen Carstens
BOTTOM: 'Rocky Family' by Camilla Kotzé

ROCK-HOPPERS





Highly Commended

TOP LEFT: 'On top of the world'
by Kyle Lloyd

TOP RIGHT: 'I'm on an egg' by
Kyle Lloyd

BOTTOM: 'Rocky on the rocks'
by Kyle Lloyd





Highly Commended

TOP: 'Parched Penguin' by Albert Snyman
BOTTOM: 'Rook's Silhouette' by Camilla Kotzé



MACARONI



Highly Commended

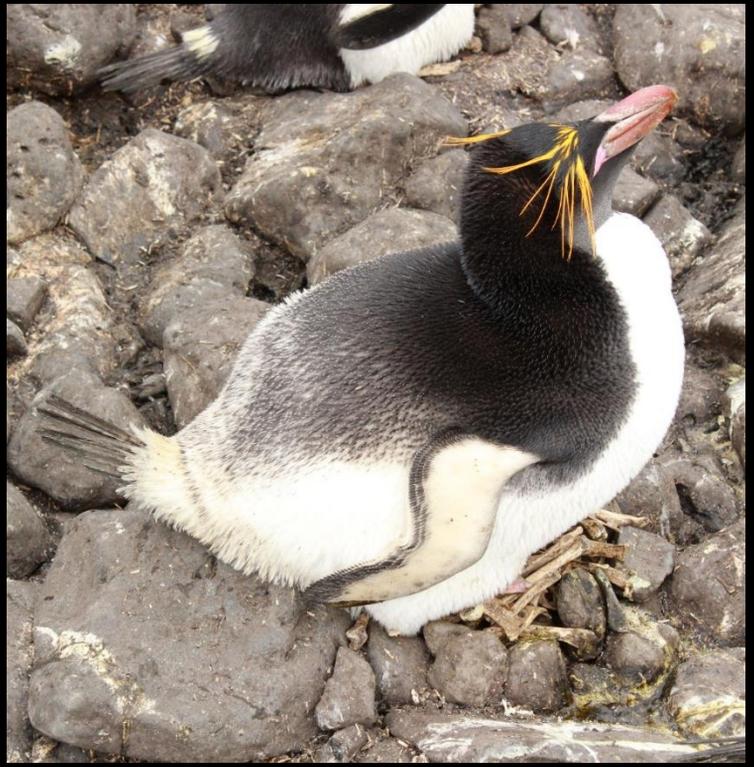
TOP: 'Macaroni's at Kildalkey Bay' by Kyle Lloyd

LEFT: 'Macaroni & Egg' by Kyle Lloyd

RIGHT: 'Close-up' by Kyle Lloyd

BOTTOM: 'Mad-eye Macci' by Kyle Lloyd



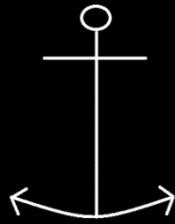


Highly Commended

TOP LEFT: 'Chocolate Macci' by Makhudu Masotla
TOP RIGHT: 'White-bum Macci' by Makhudu Masotla
BOTTOM: 'White-face Macci' by Makhudu Masotla



Q&A WITH O&C BIRDER ALBERT SNYMAN



WHO IS ALBERT SNYMAN

I grew up in a small eastern cape town with a massive passion for conservation since I caught my first Hobie in a rock pool. I studied fish biology and have been working in the field of seabird conservation for the last six years.

WHY MARION ISLAND

I worked in seabird rehabilitation for three years and felt the need for a change. I have always wanted to overwinter on Marion and when I got offered the opportunity I took it and haven't looked back since.



FAVOURITE BIRD

It's a mix between the Kings and Gentoo's for their beauty and the Rockies due to how tough and fearless something that small can be.

LOVE FOR BIRDLIFE

In my second year my fisheries law lecturer gave a lesson on the interaction seabirds have with fisheries and all the work that has been done to protect seabirds from the harmful fishing methods used in current fisheries. This led me to take on an internship with the DEA in seabird research to further my knowledge and experience on the interaction between seabirds and fisheries.

TAKE HOME FROM MARION

Determination. At times it feels like all odds are against you. You tend to find yourself in situations where you are so tired and all you can do is just to go on because there's no other option.



MARION ISLAND WITH MANAGEMENT ZONES

5 Days

Oceans &

Coasts Round

Island

2 Birders

74 Species



THE O&C ROUND ISLANDS ARE ONE OF THE TOUGHEST ROUND ISLANDS OUT OF ALL OTHER FIELDS ASSISTANTS ROUND ISLANDS.



IT CONSISTS OF 5 LONG DAYS OF CENSUSING SOME OF THE LARGEST SEABIRD POPULATIONS FOUND BREEDING ON THE ISLAND.

O&C CENSUS AREAS OF THE ISLAND OTHERS FEAR TO TREAD.



IT ALSO INCLUDES THE BANDING OF CERTAIN SURFACE NESTING BIRDS AS WELL AS THE COLLECTION OF DIETS FROM CERTAIN PENGUINS FOUND BREEDING ON THE ISLAND

MARCH

Kelp Gulls
Sooty and Light
Mantled Albatross

AUGUST
Gentoo Penguins
Lesser Sheathbills
Croz Shagset



Sothern Giant Petrels

OCTOBER

Kerguelen Terns
Gentoo Penguins
Light Mantled and Sooty Albatross

SEPTEMBER

Gentoo Penguins
Crozet Shags
King Penguins
Kerguelen Terns



JANUARY

Southern Giant Petrels
Wandering Albatross
Kelp Gulls
Brown Skua
Crozet Shags
Kerguelen and Antarctic Terns



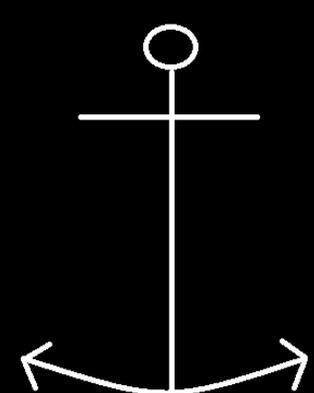
NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER

Macaroni Penguins
Rockhopper Penguins
Crozet Shags
Light Mantled and Sooty Albatross
Kerguelen and Antarctic Terns
Kelp Gulls



THE DARK SIDE OF THE LENS

BY ALBERT SNYMAN





TOP: ANTARCTIC FUR SEAL (GAZELLA) TAKEN AT TRYPOT BEACH

BOTTOM: ANTARCTIC FUR SEAL (GAZELLA) TAKEN AT TRYPOT BEACH





TOP: ANTARCTIC FUR SEAL (GAZELLA) TAKEN AT TRYPOT BEACH

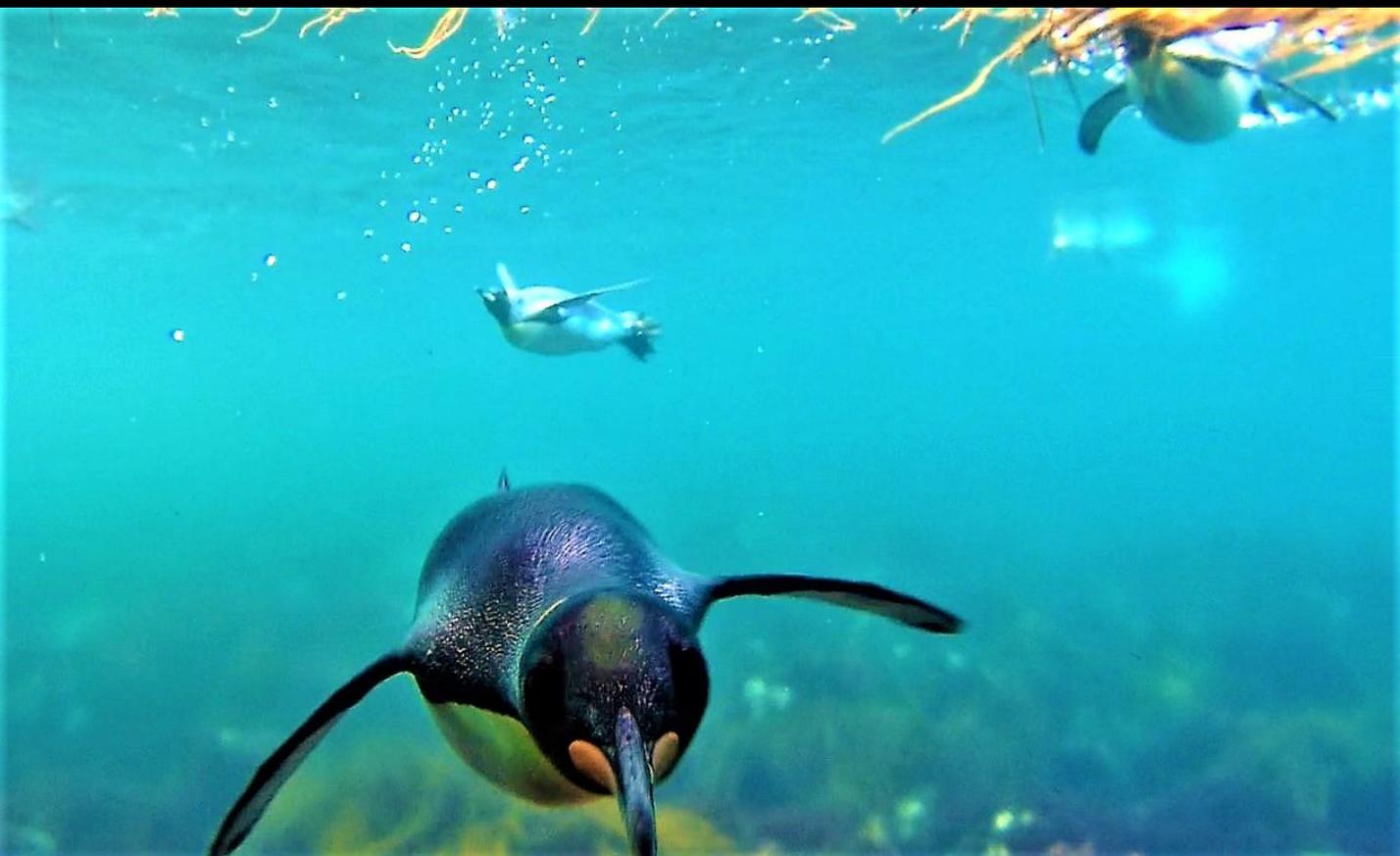
BOTTOM: KING PENGUINS PASSING BY AT KILLER POINT





TOP: KING PENGUINS FLYING BY AT TRYPOT BEACH

BOTTOM: KING PENGUIN INSPECTING THE CAMERA AT TRYPOT BEACH





TOP: NOT FAKE, BUT REAL YET ANOTHER KING PENGUIN FROM TRYPOT BEACH

BOTTOM: KING PENGUIN READY TO SWALLOW THE LENS





TOP: KING PENGUIN AKA "THE BIG EASY" FLOATING ON THIN AIR
BOTTOM: KING PENGUIN DRIFTING PAST AT TRYPOT BEACH



Q&A WITH NMMU BIRDER

Messy Jessie

Who is Jess?

I definitely won't be going all the way back to my first bird book I owned when I was ten years old, but the bottom line is I always had a deep love of wildlife. I lost sight of that love through the many parties and struggles towards individuality in my adolescence. It always lay dormant in my soul and when there came a time to choose to study or not, and what to study, fate surfaced that love. A hard choice between what a friend called studying whales (marine biology) and fine art was before me. True to my flirty nature I flipped a coin and Marine biology it was. I have never looked back and have enjoyed adventures in the Cedarburg with Meg of the Back Eagle Project, Grabouw forest with buzzards, Kruger Park working on Martial Eagles, an expedition down to the Antarctic ice shelf, melting in the Kalahari with pied babblers, most recently of pushing hard into the cold Marion winds and ACEing it home.

Through my eyes my job on Marion entailed catching, GPS tagging, blood sampling and monitoring all the animals in a small slice of heaven called Kildalkey. My bag was heavy, walking was long and though, but my heart was happy and the Gees pumped through my veins (most of the time anyway).

Why Marion Island?

Kim Stevens is the short and sweet answer. I studied Martial Eagles at the PercyFits Patrick Institute of African Ornithology and I happened upon her student profile picture. There she was with the largest snowy white bird I had ever laid my eyes on, a Wandering Albatross. After a quick Google session, Marion Island was on the bucket list. I applied as soon as completed my masters in 2015, but an M72 member I was not meant to be. Instead I worked in the Kruger, went down to the ice shelf and worked in the Kalahari. I am very grateful for these experiences and the way things had worked out. I applied again and as fate would have it, being an M73 member meant that Kim Stevens herself could show me the ropes.

Favourite bird

Light-mantled Sooty Albatross. They live on beautiful cliff faces and being an avid hiker and rock climber, there is nothing that soothes the soul more than beauty of being high up on a mountain. They are also very pretty birds and I played what seemed like an endless game of hide and seek to find their nests. Looking for them took out my knees, but also opened up beautiful areas of the island I had never been to before.



Love of Bird Life

My mother and her ex-boyfriend Ian Russell. Ian worked and works at Rondevlei nature reserve. I grew up in Knysna and birdlife was always plentiful (yes I have seen a Narina Trogon haha). When I was 10, Ian's sister and her husband got me hooked on birding during a trip to Addo Elephant Park.



What will you take home from Marion?

There is always more.... When your beat down to the last of your energy, there is always more. Even if you have to do the old granny shuffle, your legs will carry you anywhere through any weather. Human resilience and the physical and mental strength anyone of us possesses is phenomenal. This was demonstrated to me over and over again as I battled Marion's notorious bad weather alone, but most defiantly when I had an accident while working on a sooty cliff. I knew I had to get myself back to the hut and there was no opt out option. With the help of Nasreen, I was amazed how a strong mind enabled me to push through gruelling conditions in severe pain.

Jess's Side Note

Even though my expedition came to an unexpected halt, I explored the island and through amazing friends and wildlife I saw and experienced more than I could ever have dreamt. Thank you to my M73 family for being by my side during both the highs and the lows.

Siddle-diddle thank you for encouraging me and making me laugh when my moral was six feet under. I appreciated you and that beautiful smile more than you know. Cam-a-lamb thanks for being my loyal penguin buddy these were some damn hard times, your love for me shone bright. It always did and I am eternally grateful (bestest island friend). Altimate thank you for the adventures and inspiring me to new heights.

Nazzle- Dazzle thank you for feeding my soul and encouraging me through my worst nightmare. T aka Thando those dance moves and that smile thank you my friend, for you!

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In fact thank you all for the hugs, hug day was my favourite! Thanks for tolerating and loving the number one base attention seeker. All my love to you all! My heart has a big M73 shaped hole BUT its only 2 and half months to go...

so let's SMASH IT!!!!



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