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From the Chairman's Desk:

Dear Members,

I must admit, this past month has presented its fair share of challenges, particularly in balancing the demands of our individual work commitments with the priorities of the Zimbabwe Professional Guides Association (Z.P.G.A.).

One of the key events that took place was the National Parks Elephant Strategy Meeting, hosted at Hwange National Park. While a tremendous amount of effort went into preparing for this important meeting, many of our members were unfortunately unable to attend due to conflicting safari schedules. This was not for lack of interest or commitment, but rather a reflection of the busy season we are all navigating. For a comprehensive overview of the meeting and its key insights, please refer to page 8 of this month's newsletter.

Meanwhile, our Legal and Ethics Committee has been hard at work addressing several significant issues that have arisen recently. Their efforts have culminated in a detailed report found on page 6—one that I strongly encourage every member to read. The matters discussed are relevant to us all and underscore the importance of upholding the highest professional standards.

In last month's newsletter, I shared a piece titled "What's in a Handshake?" While it may now be tucked away in the archives, I believe its message remains highly relevant. If you missed it or would like a refresher, I invite you to revisit it on page 21 of the previous edition.

Our Education Team has also been actively engaged in discussions with Mushandike, working to clarify the requirements for the upcoming fifth Learner Professional Hunters exam. These conversations have led to the development of ongoing workshops designed to foster stronger collaboration between Mushandike and Z.P.G.A., ensuring our standards of training and mentorship continue to rise.

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What's in a Conversation? By John Laing

There was a time, not so long ago, when neighbours didn't just share boundaries, they shared stories, water, firewood, and wisdom. A fence might have marked the edge of one man's land and the beginning of another's, but it never marked the end of conversation. Disagreements happened, yes. But so did dialogue. People sat under trees, spoke their truths, and listened, really listened, to each other.

Today, the fences are taller, not always in wood or wire, but in ideology. On one side of a shared border stands a photographic safari lodge, lenses focused on the light in a lion's eye, the grace of a giraffe, the poetry of a landscape untouched. On the other side, the rural district council has leased land to a hunting safari operator, where the value of an animal is measured not in pixels, but in presence, in rarity, in the pursuit.

To some, these two worlds seem irreconcilable. One sees life as the treasure. The other sees death, respectfully taken, as part of the value. But both lay their claim to conservation, both speak of sustainability, both fight, each in their way, to protect the wild from the creeping dark of deforestation, overgrazing, and poaching.

The truth is, neither side is without merit. And neither side can afford silence.

Because wildlife doesn't understand fences. Ecosystems don't operate under leases. A lion doesn't choose its range based on land-use agreements. And so, when a photographic safari guest gasps at a lioness crossing the plains, and a hunter watches a buffalo through a scope, they are both encountering the same mystery, the same raw wonder, the same Africa.

But if we build only walls, of suspicion, of arrogance, of silence, we lose more than a conversation. We lose the chance to collaborate. We lose the chance to find middle ground. And perhaps most dangerously, we lose the chance to learn.

Photographic and hunting safaris may walk different paths, but both depend on the same foundations: healthy wildlife populations, intact ecosystems, and the support of local communities. Both seek longevity. Both require integrity. And both must answer to the same unyielding judge, time.

So let us speak.

Let the photographic operator invite the hunter to walk the plains with a camera in hand. Let the hunter show the photographic guide what it means to track game with reverence, to understand the old ways, the local values, the cultural legacy of hunting as tradition. Let them talk, not to convert, but to understand.

Because at the end of the day, the fence is not the problem. It is the silence. It is the assumption that the other side has nothing to say worth hearing.

So let's bring back the conversation.

Let us meet not in agreement, but in respect. Let us listen not to respond, but to understand. Let us protect not only the animals, but the integrity of those who work to live alongside them, whether through the lens of a camera or the scope of a rifle.

Because conservation is not a competition. It is a collaboration.

And that… is what's in a conversation.

The Natural History Museum's Wetland Project

By Paddy Pacey

The 19th July 2025 will see the formal opening of the Bulawayo Natural History Museum's latest exciting initiative – the transformation of a neglected piece of waste land between the museum building and Leopold Takawira Avenue into an outdoor wetlands exhibition which will ultimately feature a genuine functioning wetland accompanied by boards carrying educational information about wetlands. This area will be crafted to allow school parties to receive the highest quality education on what wetlands involve in the most efficient and telling way.

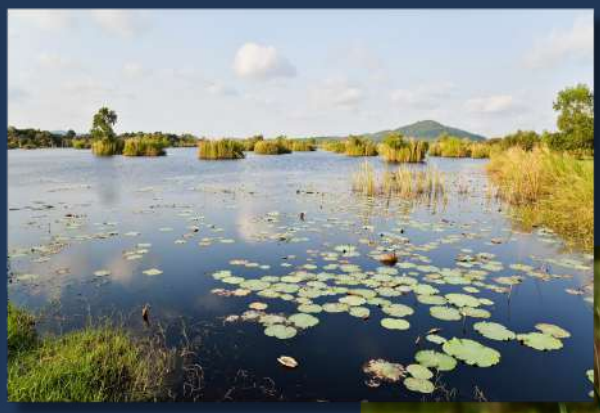
Zimbabwean (and Central African) wetlands differ from coastal and forest wetlands in other parts of the world. Our "seasonally inundated grasslands" in the hollows between hills protect us from flooding in our short and sometimes fierce rainy season, hold the rain that falls safely under the ground, filter and cleanse water and release it slowly to give rise to all our rivers. Wetlands also house host a complex biodiversity.

Our wetlands are being lost at an alarming rate to farming and mining but mainly to building. This has implications for the major rivers running north to the Zambezi and south to the Save-Runde. It also has implications for our cities like Harare and Bulawayo (which struggle to provide adequate pumped water) and for a population that is either rich enough to buy water (pumped out of wetlands) or must survive in high-density suburbs by queuing for many hours to pump water from increasingly scarce boreholes as the water table drops.

The essential problem is that the crucial work carried out by a wetland is invisible. In the winter you have an open area of dead grass and in summer you have an open area of green grass that is soggy underfoot – but could be drained. There is an urgent need to educate the public on the functioning of wetlands in as many ways as possible.

Hence this launch of the Natural History Museum's wetlands education project, happening just in advance of the Ramsar Conference in Victoria Falls when Zimbabwe will be hosting the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (COP15) from July 23 to 31, 2025. This event will bring together 172 governments to strengthen international commitments for wetland conservation, with the theme "Protecting Wetlands for our Common Future". (Zimbabwe ratified the Ramsar Convention in 2012 and has designated seven wetlands as sites of international importance.)

The project is being spearheaded by the water engineer Mthokozisi Moyo, who has put together an enthusiastic team of from a variety of different backgrounds and engaged the interest and support not only of the Museum but of organisations like EMA and the Bulawayo City Council.



Press Statement New Elephant Management Plan 10th Anniversary Hwange June 26, 2025

Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority (ZimParks) through funding from Conservation Force and Dallas Safari Club, two United States based pro-sustainable use organizations which are assisting ZimParks since decades, convened a workshop at the Hwange Safari Lodge to review and update the Zimbabwe Elephant Management Plan (2021-2025) from the 25th to the 26 of June 2025. The major objective of the workshop was to assess the implementation of the plan and emerging issues, evaluate management approaches, while exploring effective strategies from past experiences.

The current plan was approved in 2015 when Conservation Force assisted ZimParks with the funding to host several workshops to review and update the original plans that were done in the 90s, this was done with the aim to conserve elephant populations while conserving biodiversity and contributing to the national socio-economic development of local communities.

Various stakeholders participated in the review and updating process, and a number of issues were noted, amongst them are management of excess elephant populations, co-existence, funding for research, community resilience and sustaining livelihoods. Five Chiefs from the Hwange district attended and expressed their concerns on the lack of tangible benefits for communities who bear the brunt of sharing borders with elephants and a relief fund for injured community people.

The traditional leaders expressed concerns over the ongoing poverty faced by these communities, worsened by crop raiding, resource competition, and incidents of injury and property damage caused by elephants.

The increased elephant populations and localized overabundance have resulted in increased human-elephant conflicts.

The country's elephant conservation efforts are severely under-financed, with the current budget for Hwange National Park falling below US$500,000 annually, compared to the estimated US$21 million required based on management costs in other well-managed protected areas in Southern Africa.

Sustainable utilization is hindered by various factors, including global trade restrictions. While elephant poaching for ivory has declined, effective partnerships have played a vital role in enhancing conservation efforts.

ZimParks emphasizes that elephant conservation requires collective efforts from all stakeholders. We therefore invite everyone to participate in the review of the management plan, which will transition to a ten-year strategy.

At the end of the Workshop, Conservation Force, Dallas Safari Club, and the Zimbabwe Professional and Guides Association donated a brand new all-terrain Land Cruiser Vehicle (the second one since 2016) to assist in the implementation of the Elephant Management Plan, 15 Laptops, 5 Printers for strengthening capacity in Scientific Research, and 2 state-of-the-art drones equipped also with thermal cameras for hippo surveys in Zimbabwe. This donation and the organization of the workshop, valued at approximately 200,000 USD, reflect the strength of collaboration between the hunting community and conservation agencies in achieving shared goals for wildlife sustainability.

For more information and contributions to the plan, please contact Tinashe Farawo (ZimParks Spokesperson) on +263772433901/tfarawo@zimparks.org.zw by 18 July 2025.

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The Role of CAMPFIRE in Modern Conservation

By John Laing

A Revolutionary Idea Ahead of Its Time

In the heart of southern Africa, Zimbabwe once stood at the forefront of a conservation revolution. In 1989, the government launched a bold and unprecedented initiative: the Communal Areas Management Programme for Indigenous Resources (CAMPFIRE). At a time when most conservation models relied on strict protectionism and exclusion of local people from protected areas, CAMPFIRE offered a radically different approach, empower rural communities to manage and benefit from the wildlife around them.

The principle was simple, yet profound: if rural people bear the cost of living with wildlife, they should also reap the rewards. CAMPFIRE granted Rural District Councils (RDCs) the authority to lease wildlife-use rights (especially for trophy hunting and tourism) to private operators and ensured that a portion of the revenue would flow back to the communities living in communal lands.

The model was groundbreaking. Communities in districts such as Nyaminyami, Binga, and Guruve saw tangible benefits: boreholes were drilled, schools were built, clinics were stocked, and jobs were created. Wildlife populations, particularly elephants, began to stabilize or increase in some areas due to local stewardship and reduced poaching. CAMPFIRE was hailed globally as one of the most successful examples of community-based natural resource management (CBNRM).

But more than three decades later, as the world changes and conservation challenges evolve, the central question emerges: what is the role of CAMPFIRE in today's conservation landscape?

Challenges in a Changing Landscape

While CAMPFIRE's early days were marked by optimism and tangible results, the years that followed revealed significant challenges, some structural, others political, and many economic.

One of the most persistent criticisms has been inequitable revenue distribution. In many districts, the bulk of the income generated from wildlife use remained at the RDC level, with only a small portion reaching the wards or households intended to benefit. This disconnect eroded trust and led to disillusionment in communities who no longer saw wildlife as an asset, but as a burden.

Simultaneously, global shifts in conservation policy and wildlife tourism began to impact CAMPFIRE's core revenue model: trophy hunting. Western bans and restrictions on the importation of hunting trophies, particularly from elephants and lions, led to a decline in international hunters and a drop in income for CAMPFIRE districts. This situation put strain on districts heavily dependent on hunting revenue and exposed the programme's overreliance on a single income stream.

Moreover, human-wildlife conflict (HWC) intensified. As human populations expanded and land use changed, encounters between people and wildlife increased. Elephants trampled crops, buffalo destroyed fencing, and predators killed livestock. In some tragic cases, people lost their lives. In such a context, without visible benefits from wildlife, local tolerance plummeted.

At the same time, climate change is adding a new layer of complexity. Droughts, erratic rainfall, and shifting vegetation zones are making it harder for both people and wildlife to survive in marginal rural areas.

Despite these challenges, CAMPFIRE has not collapsed. It still exists in over 30 districts, and in some, it continues to function as a vital link between conservation and community development. But there is a growing recognition that the programme must evolve if it is to remain relevant and effective.

Reimagining CAMPFIRE for the 21st Century

CAMPFIRE's foundational idea, that conservation must benefit local people, remains as powerful today as it was in 1989. But to meet modern challenges, the programme must adapt to a new conservation era, one that demands transparency, innovation, and inclusivity.

First, governance reform is essential. Revenue must be distributed more equitably, and communities must have a greater voice in decision-making. This means empowering village-level institutions, increasing financial transparency, and ensuring that benefits reach the households most affected by living with wildlife. Participatory budgeting, community audits, and real-time revenue tracking could all help restore trust.

Secondly, CAMPFIRE must diversify its income streams. Trophy hunting, while still legal and carefully regulated in Zimbabwe, cannot be the sole pillar of rural conservation finance. Photographic tourism, ecotourism, carbon credits, and payments for ecosystem services (e.g., through REDD+ schemes) offer new opportunities that align with both conservation and global climate goals.

Third, there is a need to rebuild the image of CAMPFIRE, not just locally, but globally. It must be seen not as a relic of the past, but as a living, evolving model of community-based conservation. Donors, NGOs, and government agencies must re-engage with the programme, not to control it, but to support it as a uniquely Zimbabwean innovation that could once again inspire the world.

Finally, CAMPFIRE must re-centre its focus on people. Conservation should not be an abstract idea imposed from above, but a lived reality that respects the knowledge, values, and aspirations of the communities it aims to serve.

In a world where conservation is increasingly dominated by large NGOs, digital campaigns, and global narratives, CAMPFIRE reminds us of a simple truth: wildlife does not thrive unless the people who live with it do too.

As Zimbabwe charts its way through climate, economic, and political uncertainty, CAMPFIRE still holds the seeds of a powerful idea, that conservation can be local, inclusive, and just.

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September 2025

- Thur 11th – Z.P.G.A. Talks Vic Falls
- Fri 12th – Z.P.G.A. Talks Byo & Hre
- Sun 14th – Shooting Proficiency (Hre)
- Mon 15th – Oral Interviews (Hre)
- Tue 16th – LPH written exam (Hre)
- Wed 17th – LPH written exams (Hre)

October 2025

- Sun 26th to Tue 28th – U. Zam Canoeing proficiency

November 2025

- Sat 1st to Fri 7th – Proficiency Examination
- Thur 6th – Z.P.G.A. Talks Vic Falls
- Fri 7th – Z.P.G.A. Talks Byo & Hre
- Fri 28th – Z.P.G.A. AGM
- Sat 29th – Z.P.G.A. Safari Dinner

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144	FULL PH
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5	INDUSTRY SERVICE PROVIDER
94	LPH LICENSE
3	RESTRICTION

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Classic Lasagna Recipe ("Lizania")

BY LAURA SMITH

Ingredients

For the Meat Sauce (Ragù):

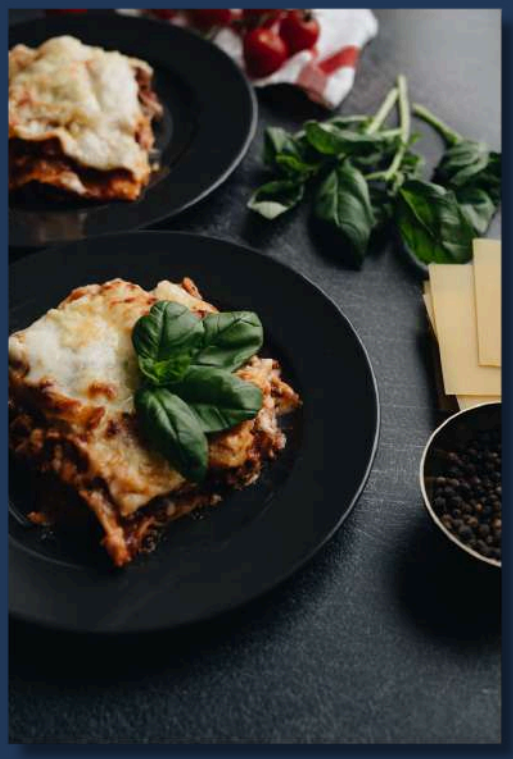
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 500g (1 lb) ground beef (or a mix of beef and pork)
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 800g (28 oz) canned crushed tomatoes
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1 tsp dried basil
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Optional: 1/2 cup red wine
- Optional: 1 tsp sugar (if tomatoes are too acidic)

For the Béchamel Sauce:

- 4 tbsp butter
- 4 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 3 cups (750ml) milk, warm
- Salt, to taste
- Pinch of nutmeg (optional)

For Assembly:

- 9–12 lasagna noodles (pre-cooked or oven-ready)
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Fresh basil or parsley for garnish (optional)



Instructions

1. Make the Meat Sauce:

1. Heat olive oil in a large pan over medium heat.
2. Add onions and garlic, sauté until soft (2–3 min).
3. Add ground beef, cook until browned.
4. Stir in tomato paste, cook for 1 minute.
5. Add crushed tomatoes, herbs, salt, pepper, and optional wine/sugar.
6. Simmer uncovered for 20–30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Set aside.

2. Make the Béchamel Sauce:

1. In a saucepan, melt butter over medium heat.
2. Add flour, whisk constantly for 1–2 minutes to form a roux.
3. Gradually add warm milk while whisking to avoid lumps.
4. Cook until thickened (about 5–7 minutes). Add salt and nutmeg.

3. Preheat Oven:

- Preheat to 180°C (350°F).

4. Assemble the Lasagna:

1. Spread a thin layer of meat sauce in a baking dish.
2. Add a layer of lasagna noodles.
3. Spread more meat sauce, then a layer of béchamel, and sprinkle with mozzarella.
4. Repeat layers: noodles → meat sauce → béchamel → cheese.
5. Finish with béchamel and top with Parmesan.

5. Bake:

- Cover with foil and bake for 25 minutes.
- Remove foil and bake another 15–20 minutes until golden and bubbly.

6. Rest & Serve:

- Let lasagna rest for 10–15 minutes before slicing.
- Garnish with chopped parsley or basil if desired.

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Winter's Breath in Zimbabwe

By John Laing

In the hush before dawn, the world holds its breath,
A chill in the air, like a whisper of death.
Darkness still clings to the long thatch and thorn,
While the fire crackles low, waiting for morn.

At six fifteen, the first shimmer appears,
Not bright, but enough to stir sleeping ears.
The dew on the grass clings cold to the feet,
Each blade a needle, each step a defeat.

In the parklands where lion and kudu roam free,
The morning belongs to both hunter and tree.
Engines hum softly, headlights cut through the veil,
Of fog and of frost, in search of a tail
A flick in the grass, a print in the dust,
The cats are out there, in silence and trust.

Yet not far behind, in the shadows of trees,
The women are moving, bent backs in the breeze.
With patience like granite, they gather the gold
Tall thatching grass, in the morning cold.
Binding it tightly, bundle by bundle,
A labour of love, in a world that won't grumble.

This grass once kissed dew, now destined to shield,
To cover a home, a roof gently sealed.
Against the cold wind, against winter's bite,
A woven defence from the long, sleepless night.

The same grass that hides the leopard's soft tread,
Becomes the warm shelter above dreaming heads.
And so, side by side, survival and grace,
A dance of the wild in its own sacred place.

So stoke the fire, and sip something warm,
While outside the world wakes quiet and worn.
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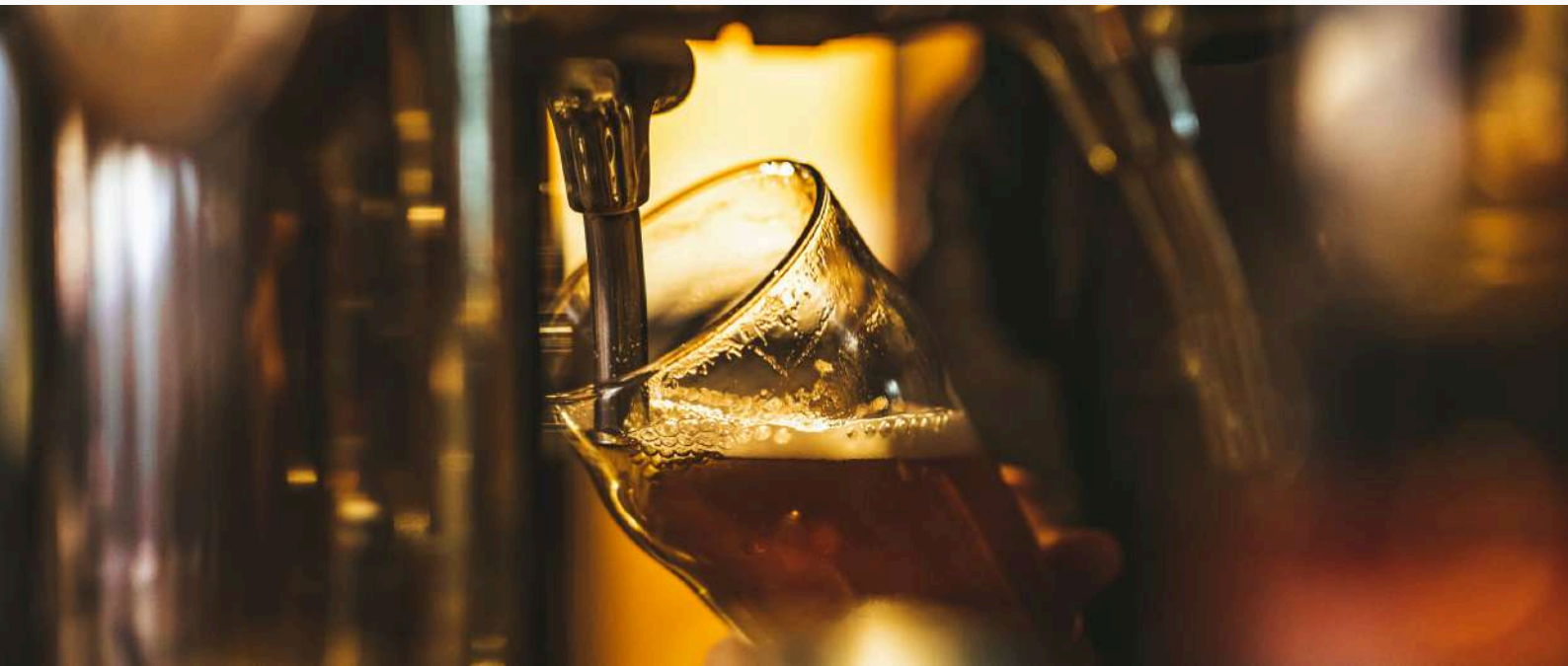

Tourism-Only Border Post Opens Between Two Iconic Parks: Kruger and Gonarezhou

By Big Sky Supplies

A new tourism-only border post between South Africa and Zimbabwe is now operational — but access is limited and must be arranged in advance. The crossing links the Pafuri area of Kruger National Park to the Sengwe area of Gonarezhou National Park, entirely within protected conservation land. As part of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area (GLTCA) initiative, the border post superbly avoids the long haul around Beitbridge!

For the conditions of entry, contact details and the full Joint Media Briefing text, read our blog published 03.07.25, here https://bigsky.co.zw/tourism-only-border-post-opens-between-kruger-and-gonarezhou/

A tip for owners of Stanley flasks

Avoid over-tightening the stopper as this will reduce the flask's effectiveness and lifespan. The Stanley flask is highly effective in retaining heat and the resultant pressure build-up will compress the stopper. Tighten the vacuum flask stopper just enough to create a secure seal but avoid using excessive force. This protects the flask and ensures safe use.

For more information on the Built for Life™ Stanley Classic Flask range visit our online store: https://bigsky.co.zw/product/stanley-vacuum-flask-classic-hammertone-green/

Regularising Vehicle Ownership

Readers of June's edition of the Z.P.G.A. Newsletter who might have missed our notes on the mandatory ZBC car radio Listener's Licence, can learn more here https://bigsky.co.zw/the-zbc-car-radio-listeners-licence/ (Also see the proposed ZBC exemption form).

At the time of writing, the Act has not yet been gazetted and the exemption process does not apply. However, we suggest this is a good time to regularise the ownership details of your vehicle/s. The ZBC exemption declaration form includes this: "I am the registered owner of a motor vehicle being _____". This development, combined with the digital centralisation of the vehicle register, is another incentive to get your vehicle/s into your own name.

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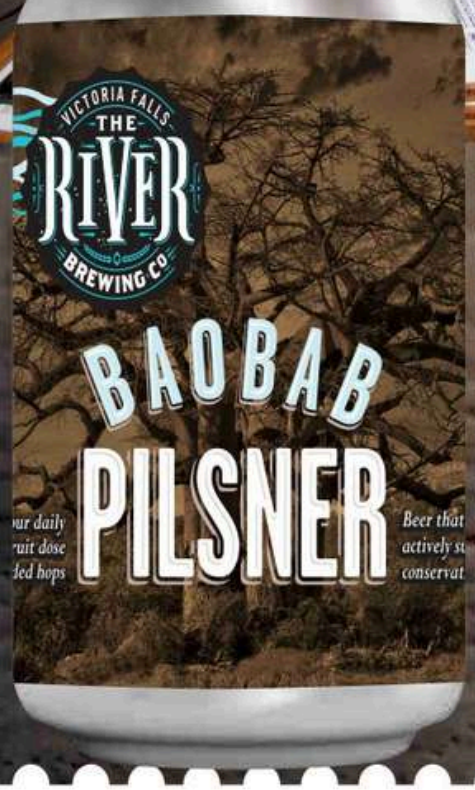

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