

## MCULU

**Ben 'Mculu' Lamprecht:** *Ben 'Mculu' Lamprecht started his career on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1971 in the Kingfisher section of the Kruger National Park, where he served until 1973 when he was transferred to the Crocodile Bridge section. In August 1975 Ben took a short leave of absence from the Kruger National Park when he was briefly transferred to the Augrabies Fall National Park as Park Manager.*

*In 1977 Ben returned home to the Kruger National Park where he was stationed at Letaba as the District Ranger based at Letaba. Between 1977 and 1997 Ben moved to Woodlands, Houdboschrand and Satara in the position of District Ranger where he eventually retired at the end of May 1997.*

*This was not the end of Ben's relationship with the Kruger National Park. In 1999 Flip Nel (then District Ranger, South) initiated with the support Willem Gertenbach (HoD of conservation at the time) and subsequent support of the Kruger National Park executive the Lebombo Overland Ecological Trail. Ben along with his wife Vanessa were the first trail leaders of this landmark trail, and continued to assist with running of these trails until the rain season in October 1999. These trails continue to be a popular attraction in the Kruger National Park.*

**(Information provided by Wihan Venter on behalf of Vanessa Lamprecht courtesy of Louis Olivier)**