

Glen Avon The Mill

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A for Heritage

Heartfelt thanks to Frikkie Greeff and Ronell Grobler from Woodoc for visiting us yesterday and for your pledge to supply the products needed to restore the woodwork.

We appreciate your generosity and interest. What better product than Woodoc to help the Glen Avon Mill live on for generations to come.



What's next?...

- Sourcing local GMO FREE grains and maize.
- Increasing the volume of water to the waterwheel by doubling up the pipes.
- Cleaning and waxing all wood and metalwork with Woodoc Penetrating Furniture Wax.

Much of the impetus for the restoration of our Glen Avon Mill comes from your enthusiasm and encouragement. Thank you for sharing our journey with us and for stepping in to help where you have. It's exciting to think that we'll be able to show folks how flour and mielie-meel was made in the 'olden days'. Imagine being able to find in our part of the world eco-friendly, local, GMO free grains...

For a Start...

Excited work began in mid-2022 to get the 1860s Glen Avon Watermill back up and turning. The waterwheel last revolved in about 1991.

Gate valves and pipes were installed, the millstone was sharpened, walls and floors were patched, a new sturdy door was crafted and years of guano and dust was swept up and the floors and the timber scrubbed.



It was a nostalgic moment to see the wheel turn on the 16th of December 2022 and to mill maize on the 14th of January 2023. Guess what was for breakfast on the 15th?!

Many thanks to all who assisted - to Bill, Alison, Greg, Kirsten, Kelly, Amy, Chester, Caleb, Ken, Rory and Reece, not to forget our staff who offered much needed muscles when it came to lifting the millstones and scrubbing and sweeping.

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