

# MEET THE RAW TEAM

## PETER HOLBROW

Peter was born in England and moved to South Africa when his mother immigrated there with the family. He spent holidays on the family game farm in Zululand and, on completing his school education, took up a full time job on the ranch. His passion for wildlife and the bush thrived during this time, and he jumped at the chance to visit Botswana's Okavango Delta when the opportunity arose. That was 37 years ago and Botswana is now his home. He took over the running of RAW Botswana in 2014.



Peter Holbrow



Mmegi Maphane

## MMEGI MAPHANE

Mmegi was born in the mining town of Orapa in the early 80's. She was bitten by the tourism bug at an early age as her father was an avid camper. She held a wide variety of positions including: on air radio presenter, lodge supplies manager, guest experience manager and travel agent. It is with this experience that RAW Botswana decided that she ticked all the right boxes to head up our sales and reservations department. Agents and guests love working with her bubbly personality.



Ryder Tirelo



Witness Monyenda

## RYDER TIRELO

Ryder was born in Guma Village on the fringes of the Okavango Delta and currently lives in Etsha 13, a neighbouring village. Ryder started his work in the bush in 2001, and after training at various well known camps in the Delta, was awarded his professional guides licence in 2013. We were extremely lucky to secure his services as Head Horse Guide in 2016. Since then he has gone from strength to strength entertaining our guests on horseback while sharing his knowledge of the flora and fauna of the Selinda Spillway. He especially gets excited when coming across the elusive Cheetah!

## WITNESS MONYENDA

Witness was born in Gunotsoga Village in the Okavango Panhandle and is a descendant of the original San people. Witness is passionate about nature and from early childhood he was eager to learn about the bush. His grandfather taught him a lot about survival skills in the bush and also the medicinal values of the fauna that occurred there. He attended courses for professional guiding and trained as a walking guide in Zimbabwe, achieving a certificate for walking and weapons handling. He entered the tourism industry in 2006 working for various companies honing his skills before joining RAW Botswana in 2016. He is very popular with our walking guests, imparting his considerable knowledge of both the flora and fauna of the area. Don't be surprised to see him in the kitchen occasionally polishing up his cooking skills!

## CARMEN COWLEY

Carmen has been involved with horses her whole working life. She started off her career in the competitive world of dressage and then decided to pursue her other passion which is wildlife and the bush environment. She has been involved in tourism and horse safaris for over 18 years, working in various African countries. She is passionate about horses, the bush and people. Carmen is a perfectionist and her eye for detail is reflected in the immaculate condition of the stable and tack room. RAW's horses are the best presented of any lodge in Botswana and have been under Carmen's care since 2013.



Carmen Cowley

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