

EVERGREEN *News*



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DEAR RESIDENTS

As Christmas trees spread their sparkling boughs in every Evergreen village, so I am reminded that life is laden with hope when we discard the meaningless and embrace the values which bring joy to the spirit of giving.

The American Clergyman Roy L Smith (born 1887) was blessed with a wonderful clarity of mind: he said "He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree." To all of us who share life in a country divided by its history, it is a timely reminder of the attitudes and values that spread light in dark places. We believe that the Evergreen Lifestyle is one that is both positive and generous.

2016 has been a good year for Evergreen. In February the 47 new 3-bedroomed homes at Broadacres were released to the market, taking the village up to 130 units. 31 of these have been sold to date in a very tough residential market.

In April this year Arthur Case returned to Evergreen after an absence of two years and assumed the position of CEO. In July the new Healthcare Centre with its 32 bed frail care unit was completed at Muizenberg and is now operational. By early December the final 38 apartments in the north wing at Muizenberg were handed over and are available for sale. This represents the completion of

construction at Evergreen Muizenberg - something our residents celebrated (along with the sounds of silence) with delight and relief at a roof wetting ceremony at the Village on 12 December.

In October, construction commenced on the new Broadacres 4000m² Lifestyle Centre with its healthcare centre and 32 bed frail care unit. In October we also commenced with civils construction at the Evergreen Noordhoek site. This wonderful new village will be launched in the New Year.

I'd like to thank Cobus Bedeker and the Evergreen Property Development team for their tireless efforts in the development of our Evergreen villages: and to thank each and every one of you for weathering the dust, din and disruptions with great forbearance and fortitude.

Your spirit is valued by all at Evergreen. As is your friendship and humour: I'll leave it to Arthur Case to paint a picture of what Santa has in his stocking for Evergreen in the year ahead.



A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR FOR EVERGREEN

Evergreen Group Ceo: Arthur Case



The Evergreen Management Team is hoping that Santa's stocking includes safety belts for our office chairs, given that the year ahead will be characterised by markedly accelerated growth, along with the strengthening of our value propositions in our established villages. As a result, 2017 promises to be even busier for our fast - maturing business; but like any business that has survived the rigours of its establishment; we are stronger, wiser and better prepared to take on the next phase of our brand journey.

As Derek said, our responsibility at Evergreen is to live up to our pledges, and in doing so, we place great reliance upon our village management and residents: after all, travelling through life together is far more worthwhile when we can share both the joys and the burdens.

The brilliantly named 18th Century Scottish author and reformer, Samuel Smiles achieved overnight celebrity on publishing his masterpiece, 'Self Help, with Illustrations of Character and Conduct'. In it, he wrote: 'Hope is like the sun, which, as we journey toward it, casts the shadow of our

burden behind us.' In light of what lies ahead, I am thankful that - over the past eight years - we have laid the foundations and assembled a team that is as capable as it is focused.

Plans have been submitted for the construction of an additional 13 new homes and 22 apartments at Bergvliet, as well as a new Lifestyle Centre with healthcare facilities. The additional homes and apartments will assist with levy economics.

We have secured the funding to launch Evergreen Noordhoek early in the New Year. 350 units will be built on a beautiful piece of land, with views of the Atlantic Ocean and Chapmans Peak. The village will have a Lifestyle and Healthcare Centre and significant private open space.

We have concluded an agreement that will see 600 Evergreen units developed within the beautiful Val de Vie polo estate in the shadows of four mountain ranges between Paarl and Franschoek. A number of other new locations are being evaluated for new villages, which we will announce in the New Year. In addition, the Evergreen management team are working on a number of exciting new innovations which will strengthen the business in the coming year.

2017 promises to be both challenging and rewarding. I would like to wish all of you a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year, along with love, light and peace for 2017.

Village Life

FESTIVE CHRISTMAS LUNCHES AT EVERGREEN

Here's a selection of pictures from our recent Christmas lunches that prove you're never too old to have a happy childhood and that age doesn't matter. Evergreen Lake Michelle residents beat the Christmas rush with their drinks and snacks at the boathouse on 24th November. The rest of the villages celebrated theirs in December with Broadacres and Diep River lunches happening too late for this edition. We'll feature them in January.



AGE HAS NO RESTRICTION FOR EVERGREEN'S OLDEST RESIDENTS

At Broadacres Henri Postema celebrated his 99th birthday on 1 December with a get together with friends and family at the Club House.

Celebrations at Evergreen Diep River where, Pat Carlean their oldest resident celebrated his 95th birthday on the 19 August and his wife Barbara celebrated her 90th on the 21st October, and Howard Olgesby also celebrated his 93rd birthday.

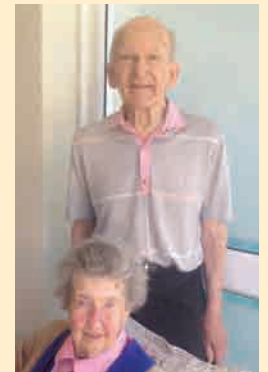
Evergreen would like to congratulate Henri, Howard, Pat and Barbara on setting the bar for the rest of us to aim at and proving the value of life-long commitment in such an inspirational way.



Howard Olgesby



Henri Postema



Barbara and Pat Carlean

"LAST" BREAKFAST OF THE YEAR AT BERGVLIET

Men invited their wives to their breakfast held on 10th November.



LAKE MICHELLE FUN WALK

Where better to walk for the sheer fun of it than at Lake Michelle. Here is a pic of residents at the Fun Walk held on 5 November.



BABY SHOWER BRINGS OUT THE KIDS AT EVERGREEN

Glynis Smith, much loved Village Administrator at Evergreen Muizenberg celebrated her baby shower in some style: with over 50 residents who brought platters of eats and beautiful gifts, Glynis will be back as a proud mother in the New Year.



CONSTRUCTIONS ENDS - LET THE CELEBRATIONS BEGIN

With immaculate attention to detail Evergreen Muizenberg promotes a varied and full lifestyle that sets a new standard in quality retirement. On 12 December 2016 residents gathered to celebrate the end of construction at the village which saw the introduction of 38 newly completed apartments that are impeccably appointed with excellent views which will drive demand and add welcome additional levy income to the village. Now there's something worth celebrating. Enjoy browsing through some of the pics from the bash.



EVERGREEN MUIZENBERG HITTING THE BOTTLE ONCE AGAIN

Jim Raubenheimer's popularity at Muizenberg continues to grow; thanks to another hugely successful Wine Tasting event. This time, Jim invited The Wine Cellar to showcase Stellenbosch Vineyards and Welmoed Wines. R5000 worth of wines were sold (not consumed) in advance of a very 'merry' Christmas at Muizenberg.

Thanks to Wine Maker – Stefan Erwee and Tasting Manager – Tanya Louw



THE BERGVLIET MANCOM AT THE LAST AGM

Here are short bios of the 6 members



**David Walker – Chairman
– All Portfolios**

The bucks stop with David Walker who qualified as a CA (SA) in 1967 before working for Old Mutual as head of Group Accounting. Since retiring, David has been Chairman of a sectional title scheme, served on the Board of the Community Chest and as Treasurer of Westlake Golf Club.



**John Bester – Vice Chairman
– Finance/Legal & Security**

Money matters to John who – after accumulating a CTA (Wits University), B.Com Hons (UCT) and CMS (Oxon) - spent 16 years as an accountant, and a further 35 years in business. John currently sits on the boards of a number of JSE Listed companies.



**Herman Poelmann – Finance/
Legal & Estate Dev & Maintenance**

Herman retired as Nedbank Area Manager in 1992 and became an Independent Financial investment consultant until 2001, when he moved into the village. His interests include computers and related matters.



**Donald (Don) Campbell – Finance/
Legal - Another Chartered Accountant (SA),**

Don worked at Plessey SA Ltd as Chief Accountant from 1962 to 1967 and at Murray & Roberts from 1967 until his retirement in 1996. Don is a Trustee of The D G Murray Trust.



**Joan Misplon – Events, Entertainment,
Catering & Healthcare**

Joan has been a resident at Evergreen since June 2012, before which, she enjoyed a long career in the Secretarial field, worked in partnership with her husband in a successful Construction Company and as Assistant Secretary at Westlake Golf Club.



**Elda Diana-Oliaro – Estate Dev &
Maintenance**

Elda joined Evergreen as Village Manager of Bergvliet and served the company and community until her retirement in April 2014. She moved into the Village as a very happy resident in May 2013 and has remained involved in the Building Development & Maintenance Committee of Mancom.



HATS OFF TO BROADACRES FROM NEW RESIDENTS

It's always great to get good news, particularly when the news is about you: something you've said or done, and delivered by someone who has no other reason to share it, than gratitude.

This note to Evergreen Sales Director, Phil Wilson from Ian and Judy Stuart is worth sharing!

It is now well over four months since we moved to Evergreen Broadacres. We thought it was time to touch base with you to let you know how we are getting on.

You are very aware of the long drawn out process it entailed to get us here! Our house took nearly a year to sell and the complex seller's conditions once again delayed the transfer of the money we needed to pay for our unit. We would like to thank you and Amdec for your patience and understanding through this very frustrating time. It is bad enough, as you know, to move from a large family home and an area you have lived in for over 20 years, without all the additional issues that we faced. All we can say now is it is the best move we could have made. We **love** Evergreen Village, our home, our garden and the people who live here. They are just amazing. The strong sense of community and the support system are extraordinary. On another front, the social life is exhausting but wonderful. Our children say we are never at home and that they cannot keep up with us!

Thank you, Phil, for being beside us on this journey and for constantly encouraging us to persevere. It has been so worth it.

Kind regards

Judy and Ian Stuart



24 entries were published in the Evergreen Newsletter during the course of 2016 and what a task it was to shortlist just five of them; of course it is difficult as a judge to be totally objective and no doubt I am influenced by my own favourite birds. Having said that I carefully considered the composition of the photographs together with their lighting and clarity.

The shortlist I selected was:-

- Hugh Till's Little Egret – Muizenberg village
- Marian Thompson's Giant Kingfisher – Bergvliet village
- Martin Hartison's Swee Waxbill – Muizenberg village
- Ron Scott's Rooster – Muizenberg village
- Sue Beele's Greater Flamingos – Muizenberg village

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

1. **Marian Thompson's Giant Kingfisher** - Marian has captured the character of this plucky little bird (he's not a giant really) with every single piece of plumage in sharp focus - congratulations Marian - you're our 2016 winner.
2. **Hugh Till's Little Egret** - Hugh's Little Egret coming in to land with its perfect reflection in the water is a real action picture; birds in flight are not easy to take so well done Hugh
3. **Martin Hartison's Swee Waxbill** - Waxbills are the busiest of birds always on the move, so to capture this pretty Swee Waxbill balancing on swaying grass is talent indeed.



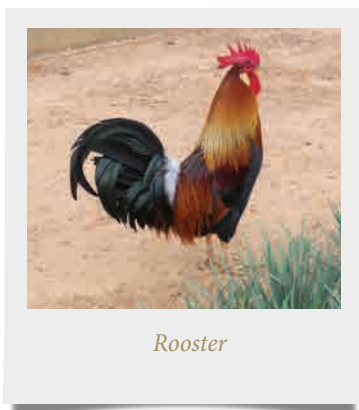
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Marian Thompson of
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Rooster

Ron Scott of Evergreen
Muizenberg



Greater Flamingos

Sue Beele of Evergreen
Muizenberg

To our runners-up Ron & Sue thank you for your very commendable pictures; I particularly liked Ron's Rooster but felt that a domesticated bird shouldn't win over a wild one. If I had been a French Rugby supporter or a Spurs fan I might have been persuaded! Sue's vista of pink Greater Flamingos was a sight for sore eyes!

So congratulations to everyone and keep snapping



As always, my perennial reminder that we'd like to publish your news, accomplishments, projects, community initiatives and views in our forthcoming newsletter. Please keep sending them to us. I look forward to publishing them next time.

When we speak again it will be a new year, no doubt packed with resolutions and healthy intentions that (if you are like me) will be soon forgotten. I hope that Christmas brings you many blessings, the joy of old acquaintances and the happiness of belonging: whether to a spouse, a family or a community of festive friends.

Derek