

End July, 2017 edition



Hello all Residents of our special village...here are already into the second half of 2017. Already we have enjoyed the Christmas in July celebration. I got to wondering how the month of August got its name. After all it is not really an august (Oxford: August definition, inspiring reverence or admiration; of supreme dignity or grandeur; majestic) month, is it. Might be in the northern hemisphere! The parkland and gardens' are all drab and most birds have their winter drab plumage on. Very little colour around except for the colourful folk of Evergreen Broadacres...you folk! You brighten up the whole world for us. Such a wonderful, happy, warm, spirited group. But I am off the point. Month of August therefore is the eighth month of the year (between July and September) in the Julian and Gregorian calendars and the fifth month to have the length of 31 days. The Romans renamed the month after the first Roman emperor, Caesar Augustus, who first took power on August 19, 43 B.C. Hence the English word August came from the emperor's Latin name, which means literally "worthy of respect."

## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

It was so wonderful to see such a wonderful turnout at the RARM meeting on Tuesday. I repeat my thanks for both the attendance and for the support of ResCom. I do hope you will turn up in equal numbers for the Village AGM on 8 August at 3pm.





**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Please hand to Roy or René before 4pm on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> August any points of clarification, queries, concerns, and suggestions etc. for Management to respond to at the AGM. As per the notice, no matters will be accepted 'from the floor' at the AGM.

*This is your time to get clarity first hand!!*

Now we all look forward to the opening of the new clubhouse and frail care centre early in November. Obviously in time to celebrate Christmas in December and the arrival of the New Year.



**SOCIAL MATTERS**



3 MORE SPRIGHTLEYS JOINED THE EVERGREEN BROADACRES 80'S CLUB IN JULY!!!!  
From the left: Eddie; Brian; John (alias darling)

And whatta cake to celebrate!

Thanks mill guys!  
And many more among us





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**NO SNOW** but a really enjoyable Christmas in July last Wednesday evening. Over 80 folk there to enjoy the fun time and we were also able to celebrate a 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!



Congrats Jimmy & Pauline Green on 60 years



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*To all Evergreen Chatter Readers,  
A request from Evergreen Library*

We will be moving to the new clubhouse in a few months – an exciting prospect with, hopefully, more space and facilities. However when checking our records it appears that some books have gone walkabouts. Please could everyone check their bookshelves to see if some library books have got lost amongst your own – it can happen so easily.

Also, please note that any book borrowed by a non-resident [such as a staff member or bridge player] must be signed for by a resident who undertakes to ensure its return.

On a lighter note, our Book and Coffee morning is scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017. All are welcome to join us at 10.30am in the Clubhouse. We will have our popular ‘round-the-room’ discussion where you, the readers, tell us about the books you’ve been reading and enjoying.

Looking forward to seeing you then, Good reading and warm wishes, *Libby*



**ENVIROMENT...from Hennie**

I write this while watching a small herd of Nyala drinking from the Shingwedzi River in the KNP. We are here with our dear friends from Germany and enjoying the greatest abundance of game we’ve ever seen. Within 15 minutes of entering the park at Phalaborwa we’d had our first sightings of leopard, elephant and buffalo and it has continued like that! But back to Broadacres where, early one morning, I received a picture of a road killed animal from Dave Nesbitt. The animal had been killed near the Frederick Road culvert; later Roy had it retrieved and took this picture from which we could positively identify it as a Greater cane rat.



Roy Martin reminded me that sometime last year the partly decomposed body of an animal had been retrieved from the bridge pond. Positive identification wasn't possible, but with this kill, he is now confident that it was also a cane rat. Earlier in the summer I had picked up some scat (droppings) from the wetland area at the bottom of our village that was later identified as cane rat scat, but despite Henry and Henrietta Dobrowolski's best efforts, the animals

were never sighted. It's a great pity that we had to wait for a kill to confirm the presence of another variety of animal in our village and neighbourhood, and we can only hope that it wasn't the last of the species! But not to be concerned – it is **very unlikely** that they'll ever enter any of our homes or gardens! Wikipedia and other sources describe the Greater Cane Rat as being a rodent that is more closely related to porcupines than to field rats. It's nocturnal and its normal habitat is river banks and wetlands where it feeds on grasses and reeds. The meat is favoured as a delicacy so it's not surprising that our gardeners were only too happy to take the body home. The Namaqualand daisies are nearly in full bloom and already putting on a great show. Work on the Frederick Road pavement is complete, but the algae have not yet been removed. Reason is that an environmentally friendly, chemical solution is in sight that I'll report on further in the next Chatter. **I haven't had any response to my invitation for other thoughts on our plans for developing the gardens between the entrance and the new clubhouse, so we'll be proceeding as described last month.** Early in August we'll be meeting with Evergreen Management and AMDEC Projects to further discuss these plans and to find out what funding is available.

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**RAIN NEWS FROM CECIL.....**



Hi Graham, Herewith my input for the month:

As expected there is nothing much to report on the rainfall front this month. The start of the Spring rains is drawing closer which we all eagerly anticipate. The national drive to conserve water is still a fact of life so we all need to continue using water carefully.

Rainfall, in millimetres for, 2016/17:

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|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| Aug '16 | 3.9   | Sep '16 | 7.0   | Oct '16 | 40.3  | Nov '16 | 130.3 |
| Dec '16 | 101.1 | Jan '17 | 173.4 | Feb '17 | 205.6 | Mar '17 | 16.8  |
| Apr '17 | 116.4 | May '17 | 27.0  | Jun '17 | 0.0   | Jul '17 | 1.0   |

For comparison, the previous year's reading for July is 12.5 and the average for July since 2013 is 4.6

➤ **HEALTHCARE ...from Atholie....**

**REMINDER!!!! Residents are reminded to activate the YELLOW button on their Telecare system when needing any form of assistance from our nurses. This applies twenty- four hours around the clock.**

**OUT AND ABOUT**



Dear Graham,  
 Last Wednesday Dick and I wanted to thank the Evergreen Residents who had been so supportive of both Dick and I during these last 6 months. This was the cake someone had made of us which was supposed to represent the bomb / grenade that Dick had to come home with after each chemo session we did supplement it with another cake because we weren't trying to emulate the 5 loaves and 2 fishes miracle.



The Dear Mr Chairman box had a letter from a resident telling me that their car had been badly scratched and dented whilst parked for the social evening. No note of apology. No indication of who. But evidently a really. I am sure that the culprit will know and I do hope that someone will use the Dear Mr Charman facility to own up. We all need to take care to ensure each others vehicles, dents and scratches are costly repairs!

## TEAM EVERGREEN WALKING NEWS

Remember Saturday 26th August - Woodlands 5km Parkrun@ 8am . As reported in my report on 1st July, this is the best venue of all the Parkruns.

You walk on wide flat roads paved in brick. similar to Evergreen roads. The course is within an office complex and winds its way up and down hills and is

lined with many trees that provide adequate shade. It was enjoyed by all who did it last time. Please diarize and make an effort to join us. Enter your name

on the list that will be put up on the notice board in the clubhouse so that I can arrange transport for all. We will meet at the clubhouse at 7.15am on that

Saturday morning to ensure everyone has a lift. Wear your Team Evergreen t-shirts and don't forget your bar code card if you have registered as a Parkrunner.

Remember to "keep fit and remain evergreen - Contact Ernie - Unit 80 or Ext 180 for more details

### HATCHES & MATCHES; BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

*These are the villagers who enjoy and celebrate Birthdays in August ....*

1<sup>st</sup> Hennie Du Preez  
8<sup>th</sup> Trevor Morgan  
9<sup>th</sup> Moira Theron  
13<sup>th</sup> Colyn Turner  
13<sup>th</sup> Pat Duthoit  
14<sup>th</sup> Sheila Heard  
15<sup>th</sup> Dick Sheppard  
15<sup>th</sup> Craig Stacey  
15<sup>th</sup> John Branson  
16<sup>th</sup> Daphné Larkin  
18<sup>th</sup> Isabella Labuscagne  
20<sup>th</sup> Prudence Hall  
22<sup>nd</sup> Sue Edwards  
22<sup>nd</sup> Bee Elliott  
24<sup>th</sup> Cliff Preacher  
27<sup>th</sup> George Privett  
29<sup>th</sup> Maureen Springorum  
29<sup>th</sup> William Thom



*May each of you enjoy a wonderful day and a Blessed personal year ahead.*

*And these couples have an anniversary during the month of August...*

26<sup>th</sup> Chris & Sue Edwards  
29<sup>th</sup> Eddie & Traudi Zauner  
31<sup>st</sup> Paul & Joy Blandin De Chalain



*May you have a great day and good start to your next year together.*

**HAVE I GOT WHAT YOU WANT????**

**This section was requested by a few of the residents. So have you got something you no longer want, or a contact you want to recommend, whatever.....send to Graham and it will go into the next Chatter**



Hi Graham,  
Attached is a photo of a 3 door wooden storage cabinet which we would like to sell for R350. Cabinet is 1200mm long by 450mm wide and 900mm high.

Please could you insert this advert in your next Rescom Chatter

Thanks  
Ernie

Hi Graham, UK State Pension. Some of us who worked in the UK are eligible for some of the UK State Pension when we were 65. This can be over £100.00 per week or R1700. I recently helped two people who were not aware they were entitled to this pension. One was a divorced lady whose ex-husband had recently passed away. He had a record of payments into the UK National Insurance scheme and I found out that she was entitled to his pension even though they were divorced and he had passed away. She now has a pension of £55.00 per week! The other case was of a widow who obtained a £3000.00 bereavement allowance and a regular weekly pension as well. If I can help anybody who believes they may be entitled to the UK Pension, please give me a call on 1089 (internal). Cheers. Chris Edwards

Hi again Graham,

Continuing on from last month here are some more savings which we are entitled to:-  
**Car Wash** at O82 at Leaping Frog Shopping Centre. (Excellent job and quick)  
Normal - Car R90, SUV R100; Pensioners (Wednesdays) - Car R65, SUV R75  
**Car Wash** at BP Broadacres Normal - Car R80, SUV R95 - Pensioners - Not Available  
**Wash n Go** at Engen Lonehill Pensioners R42.50

**SANParks** Do not forget about the SANParks pensioner discounts - certain camps, out of season, up to 40% discount!

**Medical.** Don't forget your medical expenses , always ask for medical aid rates for pensioners , especially the anaesthetist. They do give discounts if asked.

**Hertz.** If you are 55 years or older, a hire car from Hertz's 'A group' fleet can be as little as R200 per day. Rates include theft and damage waivers, airport surcharge, VAT, tourism levy and 200 kilometres free per day. Phone the Hertz car hire closest to you.

**Mango.** Their flights on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday come with a 10% discount for those over 60 years of age - this offer is applicable until 30 July 2016, but Mango often extends its special offers, or changes them. You can book on the Mango website or phone 0861001234. You will be required to input your ID number when booking and submit a copy of your ID to Mango.

**Game.** Over 60s can qualify for a Senior Citizens' Discount Card which can be used only on a Wednesday in all Game stores, countrywide. The first R1 500 spent will qualify for a 10% discount, though this does not apply to groceries, liquor, insurance products, cell phones, airtime and contracts. Apply in store with your ID and a photo (this can be taken for you in store). Application forms and details are on the Game website [www.game.co.za](http://www.game.co.za).

**Intercape.** Their "Sleepliner" offers a 15% discount to all senior citizens over 60 years, and they are guaranteed a seat on the lower deck so there is no flight of stairs to negotiate and the toilet is nearby. For further details call 086 128 7287

**Walter Sisulu National Botanical Gardens.** This Botanical Garden, in Roodepoort, was founded in 1982, but has been a popular venue for outings since the 1800's.

Entrance fees

• Adults: R40 • Pensioners & Disabled: R27

Pensioners: Free on Tuesdays

• University students (with valid student cards): R27

• Scholars: R15

• Children under 6 yrs: Free

• BOTSOC members: Free

Contact Information:- Telephone +27(0)86 100 1278 : • Email: Sisulugarden@sanbi.org.za

Hours Mon - Sun • 08h00-17h00

More to follow next month. Chris Edwards

Need a good trustworthy energetic experience gardener I recommend Moses. He has worked across our family for many years and recently one of his 'employers retired and moved on so he has availability.

To contact Moses call 078 208 5567

## THE JOHANNESBURG STORY – CHAPTER 7:

### JOHANNESBURG LIKE IT WAS: The 1890's

#### TIME RUNS OUT:

Johannesburg's frustrations were growing. The town had no municipal status, and the decade began with a law which barred Uitlanders from becoming citizens until they had been in the country for 14 years. Thus the city had no power at any level, unless one counted its pathetically underfunded Gezonheids Comite. Pretoria continued to argue that Johannesburg was only temporary and its gold would run out sooner or later. What ran out first was patience!

In August 1893 the Uitlanders formed the Transvaal National Union to seek remedies for their grievances. A delegation went to see Paul Kruger to talk about a better deal, and Kruger suggested that if they wanted better facilities then they should live in Pretoria and commute to the gold fields. Inevitably, the Union became radical and then Cecil Rhodes became involved, and he favoured a short snappy solution. A group of prominent townsmen formed the Reform Committee. Cecil Rhode's friend, physician, and confidant Leander Starr Jameson, (Administrator of Rhodesia, who once said he could chase all the Boers out of the Transvaal with a sjambok!) He mustered a force of police and volunteers at Pitsani on the Bechuanaland border, and through his own petulance and poor communication moved across the border into the Transvaal. That was 29 December 1895. Rhodes and his collaborators were far from ready or even in full agreement, and received the news with horror.

Government received telegrams from the landdrost in Potchefstroom and also from another quarter that a large force of mounted men had crossed the Bechuanaland border into the Transvaal and were evidently en route for Johannesburg.

The news paralysed the city. Businesses closed, shops boarded up their windows. Crowds began to gather between the chains in Simmonds Street. Barricades were erected and a citizens' corps paraded. How right Kruger had been after all. Some leading citizens came forward to guide the city through the crisis. As mounted burghers poured through Johannesburg to join those riding out from other Reef towns, the Government appealed to Johannesburg's citizens to stamp out the rebels and promised to review the town's grievances. On 2 January 1896, the story of Jameson's surrender at Doornkop, where the burghers rounded up 511 white men, 150 black mule drivers, 640 horses, 158 mules, three field guns Maxims and other supplies. The would-be raiders as well as members of the secret Reform Committee which had plotted the raid, were tried in Pretoria, and on 27 April 1896, the four leaders of the Committee, Lionel Phillips, Frank Rhodes (brother of Cecil), George Farrar, and John Hays Hammond were sentenced to death. President Kruger later commuted the death sentences to fines of 25 000.00 pounds each and banishment from the Transvaal.....

*P.S. (The date on Chapter 6 – should have read the 1890's not 1980's!) - Catherine:*





Laugh, and the world laughs with you;



Weep, and you weep alone.....

SOME PEOPLE NEVER GET OLD.....  
Older young folks. ARE YOU ONE?



"Life Is Short. Live It To The Fullest. It Has An Expiration Date!"



On my morning run I pass this sign on the country road. It is clear that the Italians have a more aggressive approach to “traffic calming”

We are lucky that our residents are more accommodating! Incidentally “Frane” means “earth subsidence” (not unusual in this part of the world)

Salute, Basil from Italy

So dear folks of Evergreen Broadacres there you have it for Chatter July 2017.

It is the last one from my hand as you heard at the RARM.  
Chris Edwards is taking over the Social Communications portfolio now so I wish him well with it.

I do hope he has as much fun doing it and as much support as I have had from many people over the years.

He is in unit 89. Internal phone 1089. E-mail [chrisandsue291@gmail.com](mailto:chrisandsue291@gmail.com)

Yes, I will miss it but can most certainly do with the time it takes.

Cheers and best wishes, Graham Langmead

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