



RESCOM CHATTER

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**Welcome to Chatter! Welcome to 2020!
Welcome to
Beryl and Nello Vercellotti (No 106) and to Laurain and Tony (No 77)**

FROM CHAIRMAN HENNIE

Dear Fellow Residents,

And so into the new year, and the new decade! No longer need we struggle with such alien and uncomfortable terms as 'the Naughtyies' or 'the Tens' or the 'the Teens' or 'the Teenies'. I was never sure what the correct term was so it's with relief that we enter 'the Twenties'. I hope it is a good year and decade for all!

Our year started with new appointments in the Bistro. Welcome to Dineel Terblanche and Amelia Modiba as executive chef and front of house manager respectively. In responding to my introduction and welcome at their first Wednesday social, Amelia looked at the 45 diners assembled and challenged the team to have the Bistro full to capacity every Wednesday social and Friday fish lunch by the end of the year! I'm sure you all join me in wishing them well!

If the food served up since then, and at the Burns Nicht celebration was anything to go by, then the team is well on its way to meeting that challenge.

Congratulations to all those who had a hand in the preparations and running of the Burns Nicht evening. The flower arrangements were inspirational, the choice of speakers brilliant, the speeches entertaining, the food excellent and Piper Paul set just the right tone! Thank you all for a great evening. To quote our past chairman '... the best Burns Nicht celebration we've ever had!'

Those of you who were not sure whether any of the fish had survived, can relax! Not only have they survived but they're breeding! With the water as murky as it is, it isn't easy to see them or their babies. The best time is mid to late morning when the light is at its best. The fish are normally visible toward the top end of the pond, while the fry can be seen in the submerged grass cuttings at the edge of the pool - look carefully, they're only about 30 - 50 mm long.

This is the winner of the competition last year for pics of Evergreen.
It was taken by Ada Rebelo at No 44 and is the spectacular sunrise to the east of the village.
Thank you Ada, I have great pleasure in passing on a bottle of Porcupine Ridge for you to enjoy.
Keep on taking these wonderful shots.

Thanks also to everyone else who participated. Keep your cameras at the ready !
Chris



The inaugural meeting of the Craft ladies was held at Marilyn's house and what a turn out they had.
Plenty of sewing machines to the fore and proof of a real need for a craft room in the Clubhouse.
Well done Marilyn and Elske! And ladies.... more power to your machine pedals.



Housekeeping and Healthkeeping

Got a moan about something ? Maybe praise is due ?

If it is about a business with an Internet presence you can do something to help the rest of us.

When doing a Google search most websites have a Google Review section where you can vent your frustration or tell them how wonderful they are. Some even reply and in doing so you will be paving the way for change which could make for a better experience for all of us. Give it a go!

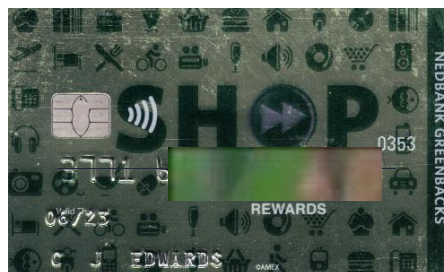
Are you a Nedbank customer?

Do you use your Nedbank/Amex credit card to get Greenbacks?

Remember when you have saved all those lovely greenbacks you will need a special card to spend them.

It is called a ' NEDBANK GREENBACKS - SHOP' card and looks like this below:-

Most shops and garages accept them
and you can also draw cash from Nedbank ATM machines



Anke is starting a new Aquarobics Class on a Thursday.

It will be from 8.30 till 9.15. Please give her call or Whatsapp your interest to 083 386 8558 and she can gauge the interest and give you a starting date.



You may have wondered what is happening with all the lovely white butterflies which have descended on Evergreen?

The migration of the BROWN-VEINED WHITE BUTTERFLY (BELENOIS AUROTA) in South Africa takes place during midsummer every year, filling the sky with white clouds of butterflies. The size of the migration is determined by available food sources at their base. Of the family Pieridae, with a wingspan of about 45 mm, they originate in the dry regions of the Karoo and the Kalahari where they gather in their millions every year in December or January and take to the sky to migrate in a north-easterly direction.

Following them, are hundreds of insect-eating birds and dragonflies for which the slow moving, low-flying butterflies are easy prey.

The butterflies, which lay their eggs on the Shepherd's Tree (*Boscia albitrunca*), owe their population strength to the tree, which is the main food source of the caterpillars. The masses of white butterflies probably play an important role in the pollination of the tree, but there is much not known about this ubiquitous butterfly.

After crossing the Northern Cape, parts of the Free State and North West Province on their journey northeast, they fly across Gauteng, parts of Mpumalanga and parts of Limpopo Province.

As they fly in a north-easterly direction from the Karoo and the Kalahari, more and more join the flight. They also pause to lay eggs along the way.

Little research has been done about where exactly the butterflies fly to, but they have been noticed flying above the ocean near the Mozambique coast, where at the end of their journey, they most probably fall into the ocean.

Our resident lepidopterist says that they fly for about 20 minutes then take a break to drink nectar from their favorite flowers.

I would like to know:-

Any idea how far they fly?

What do they do at night?

How do they navigate?

How do they find their fave flowers?

Answers on a six pack of Windhoek Light.

January 2020 - Rainfall Report

Our Summer rains continue, although much reduced since December and less than the average for January. Hopefully February won't disappoint!

Dam levels in Gauteng, although improving, remain lower than this time last year.

Work on the implementation of the borehole irrigation system is yielding the expected results. We await with interest to see the impact on our Municipal water usage.

Please remember the drive to conserve water remains a national imperative.

Feb '19	217.0
Mar '19	14.8
Apr '19	108.9
May '19	3.0
Jun '19	0.0
Jul '19	0.0
Aug '19	0.0
Sep '19	3.5
Oct '19	4.0
Nov '19	153.7
Dec '19	230.5
Jan '20	79.5
12 Months	814.9

Rainfall in December over the years

2012	116.8
2013	182.1
2014	154.9
2015	66.1
2016	101.1
2017	126.0
2018	84.3
2019	147.5

Average for December since 2012 is 102.8mm



Summary of ResCom transactions for December 2019

	Income	Expense	Funds on Hand
Fund balance on hand at 30th November 2019			43715
<u>December 2019 Transactions</u>			
Staff Christmas bonus contributions	300		
Staff Christmas bonus paid to ELV staff		26260	(25960)
Hospitality fund transfer	1600		1600
ELV refund of Top Pond expenses	920		920
Sundry Income & expense		39	(39)
Bank Interest & charges		292	(292)
Totals for the month	2820	26591	(23771)
Fund Balance on hand at 31st December 2019			19944

Have we got what you want??

In view of the increasing interest in completing Jigsaws, we asked Libby if it would be possible to swap your used jigsaw puzzles with those in the Library when you have finished with them.

So if you have old complete puzzles then just drop them in the returns basket and exchange it for one of those in the library. It should ensure that there is a continuous and circulating supply of new challenges.

It is on a trust system so lets see how it goes.

For Television repairs, we can highly recommend JOHANN SMIT, Cell No: 082 744 0208.

He went out of his way to repair our TV, late on a Saturday afternoon.

This is exceptional service.
Please use him should you need help.

The Murrays, Unit 85.



Hi Chris,
Some advice and opinions required from concerned villagers.

After a near death experience Quack has been forced to downsize. His recuperation seems to be going well but he is missing the open waters of the duck pond. He can't go back there until the predatory squatters have vacated the premises, which should be in another six weeks or so.

In the mean time we need ideas of what to do with him once he is fully recovered, just a few more days should do it.

Please publish this so we can get a village consensus of how to handle the predicament.

Temporary landlord of the battered duck,
Henry.

Space for suggestions

WEDNESDAY 22nd JANUARY 2020 BURNS NIGHT AT BROADACRES

What a night it was!! We have a highly motivated Scottish contingent here at Evergreen Broadacres who donned their finest tartans and celebrated Robbie Burns birthday in style.



Piper Paul leads
the Gathering of the Clans



Wilma is a Scot for a day



Charles Carroll - Master of Ceremonies,
Raconteur, and real Scotsman



"Taffy was a Welshman"

No! Our Talfryn's mother was Scottish and she was born near Atholl, Robbie Burns Birthplace.

"Taffy was 50% a Welshman"



Hello Chris

E-Toll Invoices show a Gantry Ref. No. but no indication of where the Gantry was. The attached Sketch Map was published in the Journal of the SA Institution of Civil Engineering.

It appears to have originated in SANRAL.

Whatever, it could be beneficial to vehicle owners.

Dave Campbell

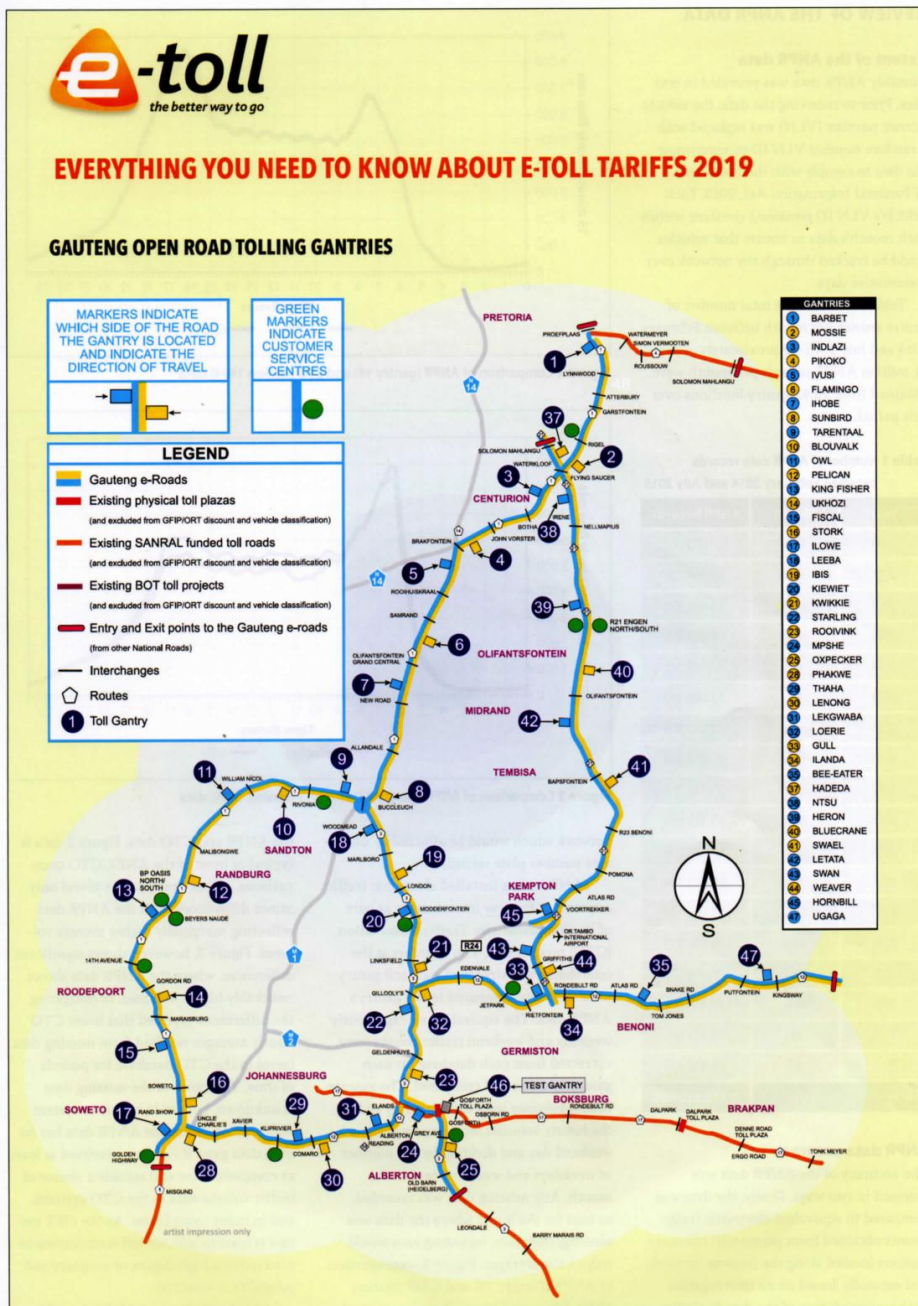


Figure 1 GFIP network and ORT gantry locations (SANRAL 2018)

Just Like That.....

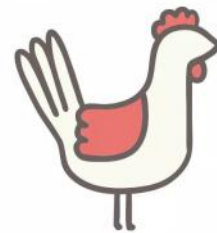
Larry LaPrise, the man who wrote *The Hokey Cokey*, died peacefully at the age of 83 in 1996.

The most traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin. They put his left leg in.....and that's where the trouble started.

Cyclists today got no respect for cars on the road...I was behind this one for over 2 hours before I was able to pass



A **CHICKEN** CROSSING THE ROAD



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I feel like potatoes don't get enough recognition for their versatility.

Breakfast? Hash browns.

Fast food? Chips.

Fancy dinner? Baked potato.

Holidays? Mashed potato.

Relaxing at home? Crisps.

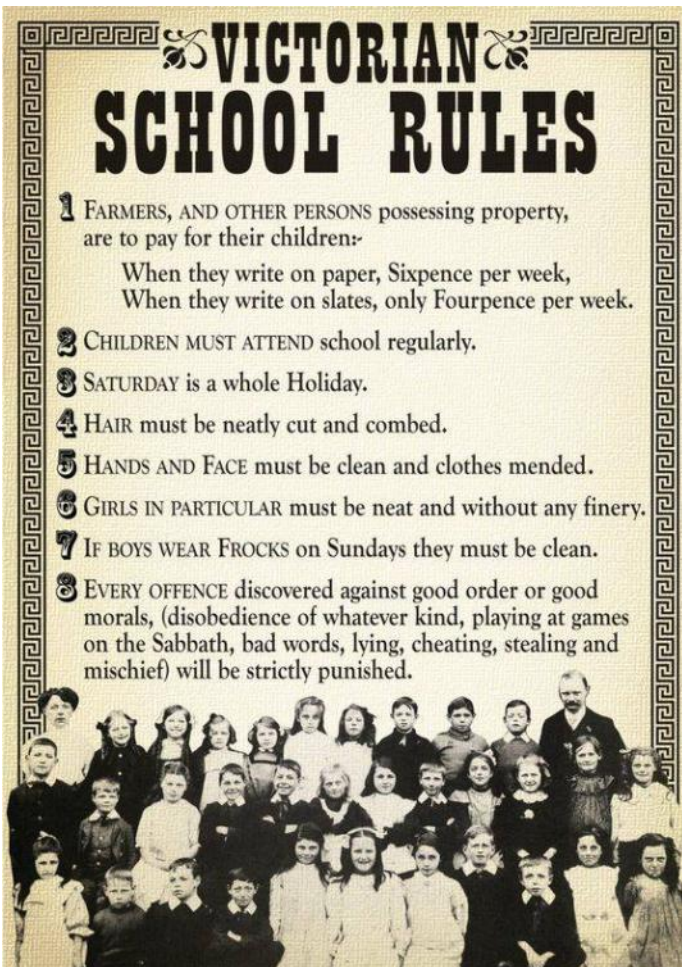
Party time? Vodka.

There's a potato for every occasion.

Very British workplace translation guide

What everything said in the office really means:

- 1 "Could do." Nope.
- 2 "I'll have a look in a sec." Please go away.
- 3 "I'll sort it out tomorrow." I'll forget about it forever.
- 4 "We've had a few teething problems." It's been a bloody nightmare.
- 5 "Let's agree to disagree." You're wrong but I'm so tired.
- 6 "What have you got on at the minute?" Prepare for your workload to triple.
- 7 "I'll see what I can do." You're on your own.
- 8 "It's the next thing on my list." I don't even have a list.
- 9 "Sorry, could you just clarify something?" What the hell are you drivelling on about?
- 10 "I have had better days." These have been, without exception, the worst 24 hours of my life.



Frocks! Frocks!
what sort of
school was this?

**Apparently there are
2 types of flu.
The harmless one that
women and children get,
and the "near death"
version that men get.**



FIRST TEXT MESSAGE:

"Hi, Max. This is Richard, next door. I've been riddled with guilt for a few months and have been trying to get up the courage to tell you face-to-face. When you're not around, I've been sharing your wife, day and night, probably much more than you. I haven't been getting it at home recently. I know that's no excuse. The temptation was just too great. I can't live with the guilt & hope you'll accept my sincere apology and forgive me. Please suggest a fee for usage and I'll pay you. Richard "

Max, feeling enraged and betrayed, grabbed his gun, went next door, and shot Richard dead. He returned home, shot his wife, poured himself a stiff drink and sat down on the sofa. Max then looked at his phone and discovered a second text message from Richard.

SECOND TEXT MESSAGE:

"Hi, Max. Richard here again. Sorry about the typo on my last text. I assume you figured it out and noticed that the darned predictive spell-check had changed "wi-fi" to "wife."

Technology, huh? It'll be the death of us all.

**Did you know on
the Canary
Islands there is
not one canary?
And on the
Virgin Isles?
Same thing - not
one canary there
either!**

**CORONA BEER CHANGES THEIR NAME
TO AVOID ASSOCIATION WITH THE
CORONA VIRUS OUTBREAK**



'arry Boy and Meggers
now gainfully employed



**My hobbies include drinking
and hanging out with my
parrot**

Monday - Greg
Tuesday - Ian
Wednesday - Greg
Thursday - Ian
Friday - Greg
Saturday - Ian
Sunday - Greg

The Gregorian calendar

apologies to Squirrel

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR FEBRUARY 2020

Apologies if the data is out of data



1st Pretty Mdluli (Evergreen Staff)
2nd Peta Nesbit (No 14)
7th Jane MacConachie (No 74)
15th Heather Allan (No 96)
18th Eric Sampson (No 75)
20th Val Hutton-Wilson (No 7)
23rd Joanna Wrogemann (No 67)
24th Paul Blandin De Chalain (No 128)
25th Henning Brandt (No 122)
26th Atholie Preacher (No 24)

Anniversaries

10th Manfred and Margaret Leitner (No 91)
18th Chris and Tess Sleigh (No 68)
19th Brian and Nora Quinn (No 118)
21st Gunther and Joanna Wrogemann (No 67)
24th Hugh and Helen Stoyell (No 101)
26th Charles and Irene Carroll (No 110)