

Circular: 042

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## **Bistro take away meals.**

Dear Residents,

Due to the Covid19 lock down and constraints that this puts on people's ability to visit and consume meals from the Bistro we have had to cut down on this service.

It simply does not make financial sense to keep offering lunch at the subsidised rate that we have offered in the past. Take away numbers are not close to the numbers that we would attract for social evenings and sit-down lunches. The kitchen staff that are doing the cooking have also been staying in the Village since the start of the lock down period to reduce the risk of having to travel with public transport and being exposed to the Virus.

These two cooks have done an exceptional job at cooking all frail care meals and providing lunch to the Village. Their latest Lamb Shank recipe have left us all licking our fingers in delight. We can however not expect them to keep going on tirelessly and have therefore arranged for a reliever to relief them each for a week consecutively to allow them some much needed rest and time spend with their families. We are so appreciative of the tremendous efforts and sacrifices they have made to keep going for 50 days.

You will therefore not see a menu for next week as we will be running the kitchen on skeleton staffing from Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 that will only be able to prepare frail care's meals daily.

We have asked Reef catering to re look the pricing of take away meals if they were to cost them without us subsidising any portion. They will thus have to price meals to include their cost of having adequate staffing available to produce the meals. We will be looking into these and other options.

In the meantime, we have sent out the list of restaurants that deliver Pizza and pasta dishes in the area.

We apologise for the inconvenience and hope to have some alternatives available soon. Should you need some urgent catering assistance you are welcome to contact Management and we will try and assist in whichever way we can.

Warm Regards



**Wilma Swart**  
Village Manager