

## **HEADLINES FROM RESCOM MARCH 2024**

As you will realise, matters surrounding the Voltano changeover have occupied a lot of time and energy. All aspects have not been finalised as I write this. However, ResCom and others have been paying great attention to this, and we hope that it will all be sorted out shortly after the Easter weekend. We have asked EV to ensure that Voltano investigates the sewerage availability charge, which is believed to have been miscalculated for years. EV has outsourced all matters relating to utilities to Voltano, and we trust they are experts at dealing with CoJ.

**Water**. I am sure that we are all grateful that the pressure matters have mostly been resolved, even if the outcome is not yet perfect. The positive and unforeseen outcome has been our removal from the Johannesburg Water supply. Many of us have families in the greater Johannesburg area severely affected by the recent problems. The water is safe, but most of us have noticed how hard it has become. EV has approved a move to soften the water. It will not involve adding chemicals but rather a system called reversed osmosis. We will try to get a timeline for the change.

**Elections**. Dennis Allen and Laurraine Lotter have been working hard to arrange for us to vote by special vote here in the village. The application to register for the special vote will open on April 15 and close on May 3. The special votes will take place on May 27 and 28. It has been agreed to cancel other functions that are normally held in the clubhouse on those two days.

**Assisted Living**. With support from Sister Kate and Wilma, we have proposed that management focus on assisted living, which has become a bigger issue as the village fills up and the average age of the residents is clearly increasing. There is a clear gap between the need for assisted living and the need for actual frail care, and we hope that those in charge will give this their attention.

**Dementia Support Group**. There have been requests for assistance in this area. Neville Willemse has investigated this, and it has been agreed to start such a group in the very near future.

Medical Talks. We have been let down twice but are back on track. On Saturday, June 22nd, Dr Karen Vukovic, a well-known psychiatrist, is coming to talk. She has not chosen a subject yet but spoke at the Evergreen Health morning held here last year. It will be full of good content and very entertaining.

Best

David Presbury Chairman