

# EVERGREEN *News*



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## DEAR RESIDENTS

As summer spreads her glorious warmth and her promise of good cheer, so water restrictions remind us all of the precious essentials of life, and how dependant we are on these necessities. They say that it doesn't matter whether it is summer or winter to those who are happy. Nobel Prize winning poet and philosopher Albert Camus got close to this truth with these words.

*"In the depth of winter I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer."*

Life is messy, and many of our warmest moments are also laced with loss. Thank goodness for our friends and neighbours - those who have become - to us all - precious essentials of life: they are indispensable! At Evergreen we are ever conscious and thankful for the spirit, talent, commitment and concern, so evident in every village community.

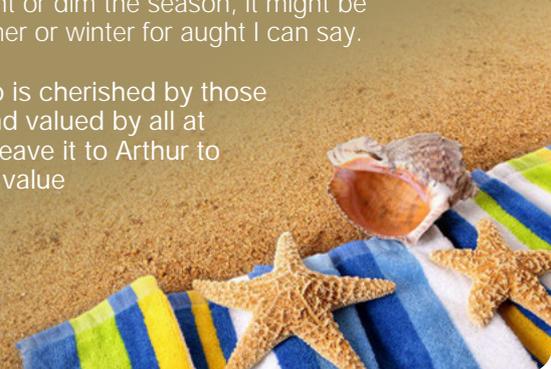
And aren't we a gloriously quirky and colourful bunch of villagers? From our natural leaders, to our quietly confidants, the caring considerates and moderately mild supporters: from the energetic champions and cheerleaders to those who create colour, humour, texture and - where necessary - peace and quiet. Everyone plays one or another, or many vital roles in the life and times of Evergreen Villages. And as a result, there is a deep and lasting value (as Arthur Case

will expand on) that each brings into the spaces where our lives overlap. What a privilege it is to work in many of these spaces with you.

Sharing in the passing seasons together and in the ebbing and flowing of our lives is - in my opinion - the way the world should be. Evergreen (in a nutshell): forever green, no matter the season. During Victorian Poet, Christina Rossetti's lifetime, opinion was divided over whether she or Elizabeth Barrett Browning was the greatest female poet of the era. She puts the lasting value of friendships across ever so well in this extract from her poem.

*I wish I could remember the first day,  
First hour, first moment of your meeting me;  
If bright or dim the season, it might be  
Summer or winter for aught I can say.*

Your friendship is cherished by those around you, and valued by all at Evergreen. I'll leave it to Arthur to expand on the value we place in each other.



## CELEBRATING EVERGREEN FRIENDSHIPS

Evergreen Group Ceo: Arthur Case



**As Derek said, the promise of this particular summer carries with it the compromise of drought, and so we face this future as we have our past - together. Having been with Evergreen at the start, some eight years ago, never a day goes by without my gratitude for the extraordinary sense of togetherness**

**I have seen grow in each village. I am humbled by the fact that as your partner, all we have needed to do is supply the venue (sometimes with drinks) you, our villagers, have done the rest.**

To many of us, we may have outlived our career or calling purposes - and hence, usefulness in those areas, but we have found new purpose and discovered that our talents can be transferred into this next season of our lives in so many life-affirming and positive ways. After all, to use a seasonal illustration, the leaf that captures a stream of sunlight, and then transfers its energy to the tree, serves one purpose in the spring and summer, and another completely different one

through the autumn and winter. "People with stronger friendship networks feel like there is someone they can turn to," says Karen Roberto, Director of the Centre for Gerontology at Virginia Tech. "Friendship is an undervalued resource," she adds. During the sod turning ceremony at Broadacres this month (see article below), I was struck by the incredible atmosphere, the sense of fun and fellowship and the many diverse personalities that make for such interesting times. And I was grateful for each and every one. You make life Evergreen.

We are finding (now that communities are established and the villages are full), that it is far easier to persuade prospects of the value of living in a secure, fun-loving retired community. The evidence is there for all to see. We tell new prospects that no matter what the future holds, we can help you manage it well. We do so knowing that we will play our part and vitally, knowing that you will play yours in a characteristically caring, considerate and encouraging way.

It's not just summer, It's the memories that last.

It's the friends, The laughs,  
The campfires...And vivid pasts.

**Rose Abbott**

## THE MAYOR OF BROADACRES AT LANDMARK SOD-TURNING CEREMONY

The sod turning ceremony took place at 4.30 pm on 14 October 2016. It was attended by the unofficial Mayor of Broadacres, the Right Honourable Graham Langmead - resplendent in his mayoral green bib – along with her ladyship and fellow Rescom members.

After Arthur Case had concluded his short (and moving) speech and welcomed Elize Porter, MD of Unique Health, Juan Abrahamse, Contracts Manager of Tyris Construction, Roy Martin, Village Manager and other Evergreen dignitaries, a hush fell over the expectant crowd. Framed by a large earth-moving vehicle, Langmead stood proudly, his spade in hand, as he addressed the gathering of over 100 residents and guests with these wise words.

‘I said the first Sod would be turned in October and you all said which year?. And I can now proudly announce that we are going to turn the soil today, the 14th October 2016.’

With that, our mayor proved that he is never a lazy sod by turning the first one with a mighty heave. It was the signal for the residents to climb in with a variety of sod-turning spades and trowels, before the party enjoyed toasting with champagne and orange juice at the site (in the sun!).

After the last sod was turned, the residents moved to the clubhouse where they joined the Classic FM wine show, tasting some great wines and celebrating with snacks and drinks until late in the evening.

**Enjoy looking at these lovely photos taken by the talented Rene van Huyssteen who also operates the front desk at Broadacres.**



## WATER ALL LIFE DEPENDS ON IT

Last month we provided a number of tips on conserving water. We've spoken to many people that are not au fait with the actual water usage policies as they stand. So here's a 'refresher'.

**JOHANNESBURG** water was notified by Rand Water, its bulk supplier, on 24 August 2016 that it would be reducing supply by 15% effective from 6 September 2016. Level 2 water use restrictions mean all consumers must not water or irrigate their gardens between 6am and 6pm; and can do so only by using hand-held hosepipes or buckets/watering cans outside of these hours.

**CITY OF CAPE TOWN** watering/irrigation (with water from municipal supply) of gardens, lawns, flower beds and other plants, vegetable gardens, etc is allowed only if using a bucket or watering container. No use of hosepipes or automatic sprinkler systems is allowed. Cars and boats may only be washed with water from buckets.



# Village Life

## TEAM EVERGREEN CLOCKING UP THE MILES AND SMILES ON VILLAGE WALK

Head Honcho Ernie reports that "I managed to convince, nag, twist arms and told 77 residents to put their names down to walk. However there were 8 late withdrawals with excuses, some weak and others hard to believe. This left 69 walkers, who started the Fun Walk - 3 more than in March. It was a very hot afternoon and most of the walkers arrived at the clubhouse before the published starting time, to enjoy the champers & orange juice on offer while they waited to start" Ernie goes on to supply a hugely colourful race commentary and a variety of facts and figures about most competitors (as well as those who opted out).

Some of the excuses from the day – Val withdrew on the pretence of having to go on a family outing that had been arranged at the last minute (when she heard that I may be walking). Was she scared that she would not be the 1st lady home? The Bromfield's - whose son had 40 years to tell them that he was going to celebrate his 40th on that Saturday. Isabel who fell walking down some stairs on holiday and Dick T who suddenly developed dizzy spells.

He concludes with these words: "Remember 2 things – 1) there will be another Fun Walk in the 1st half of the New Year so I will be nagging you again to walk & 2) remember to "keep fit and remain evergreen" so we can walk with pride in our T-shirts next year."



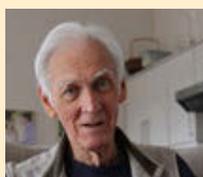
## EVERGREEN Know your Village

### THE DIEP RIVER RESCOM FOR THE NEXT 12 MONTHS HAS BEEN ELECTED

Here are short bios of the 6 members



**Kelvin Barry - Chairman – Safety & Security** Safety and security is second nature to Kelvin, who worked in Local Government for many, many years. When he isn't patrolling the perimeter, Kelvin looks through a lens as an avid photography guru.



**Roy Parfitt - Vice Chairman - Finance** Money matters to Roy who spent his career in Textile and Marketing Management and is a Member of the Institute of Marketing Management.



**Jenny Barnett - Social / Events and Catering** Having worked for the Cape Town offices of Diner's Club for 18 years, Jenny is an 'old hand' at dealing with clients, establishments and travel. She's also a dab hand at Restaurants and Catering thanks to a year at the Western Province Sport Centre.



**Lesley Diane Everett – HealthCare** Lesley is a practiced committee member, having joined the Plumstead Bowling Club on her retirement, where she served as Treasurer, then Secretary and finally, Honorary Auditor.



**Clive Whitson – Developments (Building, Maintenance & Landscaping)** Clive is a black and white kind of guy, having worked in various newspaper firms before taking up a job with The City of Cape Town in 1972.



**Hillary Masters – Secretary** Hillary has 'secretary' written all over her, with many years of experience serving as a Secretary at various Tennis and Bowls clubs.



**BERGVLIET:** Halloween Dinner



**BROADACRES:** 4th Birthday



**MUIZENBERG:** Colleen Barnard celebrating a reunion with her 6 sisters



**LAKE MICHELLE:** Dinner & Wine Quiz evening



**MUIZENBERG:** Audiology Workshop



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**PHOTO 1: White Breasted Cormorant**  
Jim Raubenheimer - Muizenberg

**PHOTO 2: Cape White Eyes**  
Margaret Clough - Muizenberg

**PHOTO 3: Swee Waxbill**  
Martin Harrison - Muizenberg

**PHOTO 4: Rooster**  
Ron Scott - Muizenberg



As always, yet another reminder that we'd like to publish your news accomplishments, projects, community initiatives and this month is men's health month or Movember. If any of you 'young men' are participating in the Movember challenge for charitable purposes please take pics of your growing moustaches and send them to us so that we can include in our next edition.

We had fun assembling our thoughts regarding this, the 'residents' edition. Most of the time we tend to tell you what we've been up to, and we'll be looking (in future editions) to publish much more of what you're up to. When we speak again we'll all be a few weeks away from Christmas and so I do wish you happy planning as many of you look forward to spending time with those you love.

Derek