

Cottages Chronicles

NEW WATER LIFELINE



Following the severe water shortages throughout Witbank during the load shedding in February the committee immediately took action to prevent similar issues in the future.

We are pleased to confirm the installation of three additional water tanks to bolster the quantity of water held on the premises.

The new reserve water supply system consists of 3 tanks of 10 000 litre each pumping fresh water directly into the units for washing, cleaning and sanitation.

In addition there is a 5000 litre tank above the kitchen gravity feeding the kitchen and 4 tanks 2000 litre each placed around the complex for toilet water in case of extreme emergency. This should be sufficient water for five to six days.

Please note that the waters in the stand alone tanks may under normal circumstances be used for gardens and car washing.

The official news-
letter of Sound
Memory Cottages
Witbank



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INVITATION



The calendar has turned and the nights are starting to get shorter, the days longer and Christmas is only 173 days away.

**JOIN US IN THE LOUNGE AT
17:00 ON SATURDAY 6 JULY
TO CELEBRATE THE ETERNAL MESSAGE OF
GOODWILL AND HAPPINESS AMONGST ALL
PEOPLE.**



A hot meal including **Hot Soup and Sherry** will be served.

***The only thing worse than growing old is
not to have the opportunity to do so.***



Forthcoming events

Please diarise the following events open for all residents:

Regular events:

Tuesday 07:00 Hairdresser

Daily Tea:

10:00 & 15:00 *All residents are welcome for a cup of tea or coffee in the lounge.*

Wednesdays : 09:00 combi takes residents to *Family Pick 'n Pay* for shopping.

Day after pension payouts: 09:00 combi takes residents to the Mall.

White Christmas

Saturday 6 July: in the Lounge at 17:00

Spring Day:

Monday 2 September in the Lapa



Church services:

10:00 First Tuesday: Shalom

14:30 Second Thursday: Baptist

14:30 Fourth Thursday: Methodist

CONDOLENCES

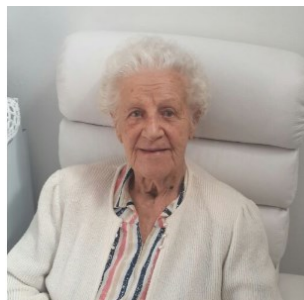


Neels van der Walt

It is with deep regret that we express our deepest sympathy to Sannie van der Walt and family on the sudden and tragic passing of Neels on April 2019.

Residents of the cottages since April 2014 Neels and Sania have gone about enjoying their travelling spending a large amount of their time travelling.

May he rest in peace.



After being in Cosmos Hospital for six weeks recovering from pneumonia

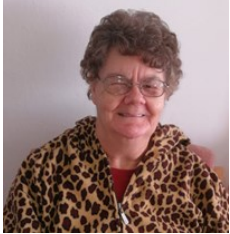
Tannie Rolien de Villiers will be leaving us for frail care.



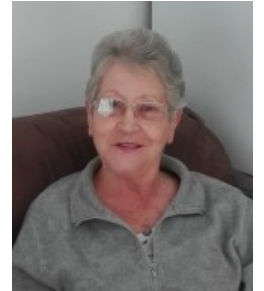
We all hope that Margaret Hannon will be very happy and healthy at Saint Joseph's in Middelburg where she is living after breaking her hip.

Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to our new residents and wish them a long, happy and healthy stay with us.



Rensie Appelgryn moved into the single quarters during June 2019.



Nellie Badenhorst moved into flat 25B in June 2019.



Kathy Fourie moved into Flat 26A in April 2019.



Best wishes to the following people who have celebrated their birthdays recently and those will be celebrating their birthdays in the next month. We wish you many more happy and healthy years to come.



APRIL:

- 2nd Kotie Botes
- 7th Tienie Scheepers
- 10th Dion Slabbert (Committee)
- 12th Piet Human
- 15th Meisie Rossouw
- 15th Rae Swart
- 18th Marie van Aarde
- 24th Lena Pretorius
- 26th Eris Blake
- 27th Kotie Ueckermann
- 28th Magda Steynberg
- 29th Gerhard Burger (Committee)

MAY:

- 6th Joey Armstrong
- 7th Johan Steenkamp
- 13th Annie Lynn
- 15th Mike Long
- 22nd Bettie Fourie

JUNE:

- 19th Renette Nel
- 11th Joey Snyman
- 16th Dirk Volschenk (Committee)
- 18th Chris Steynberg
- 21st Ricia Reikert
- 25th Sheila Bower (Staff)

JULY:

- 3rd Mary Neuville
- 5th Sania van der Walt
- 8th Hettie du Toit
- 10th Harry Reichert
- 11th Johan Mong
- 19th Hendrik Nel
- 23rd Wollie Badenhorst

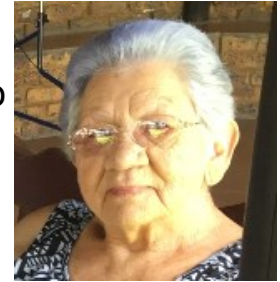
SICK BAY REPORT



Best wishes to the following residents who are unwell or recovering from a recent illness.

We trust that you all will have a full and speedy recovery.

Rae Swart is currently undergoing treatment in the Steve Biko hospital after undergoing colon surgery.



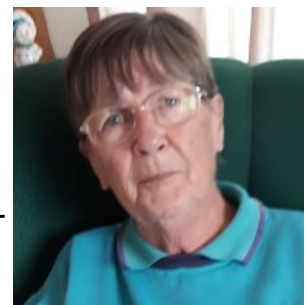
Ramona Delpont is currently in Cosmos Hospital recovering from heart failure.



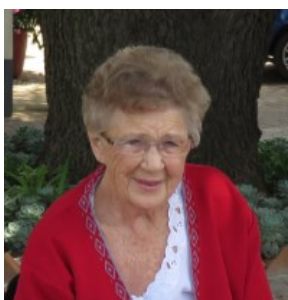
Hendrik Nel is at home after having two stents inserted.



Maryella Vermaak is recovering at her sister Lucille Lamb's home after having chipped a bone on her knee.

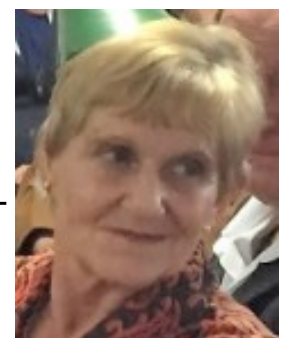


Trudie Venter was in hospital for a few days and is now recuperating at home.



Joan Botha is at home recovering from her recent hip replacement in Steve Biko Hospital in Pretoria.

After a number of delays Drien Mong finally received her hip replacement in May and is recuperating at home.



ACTIVITIES



The visits by Bev and Anabel are always keenly awaited by the residents when they entertain everyone to their repertoire of old songs.

Anabel playing the piano and Bev on the guitar singing to the residents.



Once again the residents were entertained by **Shalom Dancers** to an afternoon of Belly Dancing in the lounge followed by tea and cake.



The members of **Solidarity Helpende Hand** visited the cottages and distributed gifts to the residents.

Residents in the lounge during the visit by **Solidarity Helpende Hand**.



MOTHER'S DAY & FATHER'S DAY

All resident were invited to the lounge for Sunday tea and cake on Sunday xx May and 16 June to celebrate Mother's Day and Father's Day respectively.



CHRIS BACK IN THE GARDEN



After being seriously ill in the Steve Biko hospital on several occasions this year it was wonderful to see Chris up and about and ready to get stuck into the gardens once again.

Chris and Maraai would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone for the concern and prayers during his recent illness.

Your thoughts are most appreciated.



Given Mlaza is the new employee who replaced Aurfrey in February 2019

Lucky Khoza seen in the garden cleaning the sweet potatoes that were harvested from the crop planted by *farmer Charlie Glen*.



Do you have a runny nose? Is the cold getting the better of you? Are you feeling under the weather?

Mix yourself a good hot toddy of ginger liqueur, lemon juice, honey and ginger ale - this is sure to perk you up!

IMPORTANT

Please cooperate by complying with the following rules:

- ♦ Office hours: Monday to Friday 08:00 to 13:00
- ♦ Electricity Purchases: Monday to Friday 09:00 to 11:00
- ♦ Obey the speed limit in the cottages grounds
- ♦ Do not drive off before the main gate is closed
- ♦ Do not feed the birds
- ♦ Do not remove ornaments or plants from the gardens or stoeps



Vintage Fair—Saturday 7 September 2019

This years ***Vintage Fair*** is in the planning stages and it will hopefully be bigger and more successful than previously.

The income from the fair now plays an important part in helping to ensure that the complex offers good, comfortable and secure accommodation for pensioners at an affordable price.

The success of the fair depends on as many people as possible attending and us receiving sufficient donations for the preparation of the items for sale.

Please encourage you friends and family to donate the following:

- ◆ ***ALL YOUR UNUSED ORNAMENTS, GLASSES, ETC FOR THE WHITE ELEPHANT STALL;***
- ◆ ***A BOTTLE OF WINE OR LIQUOR FOR THE “WHEEL BARROW OF BOOZE”;***
- ◆ ***A HOMEMADE CAKE OR PUDDING***
- ◆ ***PRIZES FOR THE TOMBOLA STALL;***
- ◆ ***MINCE; CHICKEN; FLOUR; OIL; RICE ETC***

Maritz Pretorius

The committee is very please to announce that Maritz Pretorius has taken over the position of Maintenance Supervisor.

Residents are reminded that all complaints or requests for repairs should be recorded in the book available in the dining room. Please follow the prescribed procedure, we cannot guarantee that jobs will be attended to if the procedure is not followed.



Clive Hatch operates a help desk on Thursday Mornings in the Administration Building to assist residents with problems regarding the Cottages as well as any other personal problems that they may wish to discuss.

Help desk times: Thursday 10:00 to 11:00

WALL OF REMEMBRANCE



Residents are advised that it has been agreed by the MOTHS that residents of the cottages may place plaques on the left wing of the Wall of Remembrance.

Anyone who would like to arrange for a plaque in memory of a resident should contact Bettie in the office who will arrange it. The cost of plaques are R250 each.



MOTH News

True comradeship * mutual help * sound memory



The Executive Committee for 2019/20 of the Crater Moth Shellhole was elected on 2 June 2019

Crater Shellhole is one of the oldest Moth Shellhole in South Africa having been formed in February 1928. The Shellhole still proudly displays its original charter that was signed by the founder of the Order Moth Charles Evenden fondly known as Moth 0.

The following were elected to Executive: Chris Sonnekus Old Bill and Commander; Dirk Volschenk Deputy Old Bill, Lorraine Hatch Adjutant (First time in Crater 91 years History lady Adjutant) and Pieter Human Paybill.

Over and above the executive the following were elected to the Shellhole Committee: Redmond Lennox Sergeant Major, Clive Hatch PRO, Raymond Cane Supply Bill and Mervin Laufs Playbill.



CRATER SHELLHOLE WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL PARADE

Once again on a hot Sunday Morning 4 March the Moth of Crater Shellhole paraded at the old Witbank Cemetery in honour of those servicemen from Witbank who paid the highest price.

The parade was led by Ken Faduk who played the bagpipes as the Moth marched to the group of seven military graves in the cemetery where wreaths were laid by various members of the shellhole.

Moths Raymond and James Cane laid a wreath at the grave of Pte TH Cane, their grandfather, who is buried in the cemetery. Moth Mike Long laid a wreath at the grave of Pilot GL Malley from the Royal Air Force who was killed during a training flight at the Paxton Air Force base just outside of Witbank on 10 September 1943 at the age of 21.

After having read about the Crater Moths cleaning up the graves of the war veterans members of the Malley family had contacted the MOTH Head Quarters in Durban at the end of 2018 to thank them for maintaining Malley's grave.