

FORMOSA GARDEN VILLAGE

NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

As Chairman of your House Committee for the past six years it is always a pleasure to contribute to our regular newsletters by introducing them with a message of welcome to our new residents and thanks to all other residents for the support and encouragement we receive.

FGV is a very special village in a most beautiful area which contributes to the tranquility and



[Take a dip in our beautiful pool](#)

and peaceful nature of our village. With so much uncertainty and violence being experienced not only in our country but also worldwide we are indeed fortunate to reside in a secure and stress free environment.

I know your committees are committed to ensuring this atmosphere is maintained and continue to work for the improvement and ensuring the happiness of all residents. These improvements may often cause irritation with ongoing building operations and noise, but we ask all to bear with us during this very active - but we hope short lived- period.

Wishing all residents, staff and members a very happy Easter which is now not far away.

- John Lamb



[Riley Wing Courtyard](#)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

During the next few months there are quite a number of our dear Octogenarians and Nonagenarians who will be celebrating their birthdays.

We wish them much joy, happiness, contentment and good health.

APRIL 2015

2nd Naomi Stander

10th Denis Carroll

15th Pam Wakefield

21st Patrick Arnold

25th Mary Wingate-Pearse

29th Daphne Simkins

3rd Penny Kerr

10th Eileen Morrison

17th Cyril Baumgartner

25th Bosh Karis

28th Shelagh Broderick

29th Joan Woodley

MAY 2015

1st Jane Mullin

6th Sheilah Siebrits

9th John Ayres

11th Margaret Strahlendorf

22nd Elizabeth Starling

24th Barbara Crews

3rd Joyce Dickson

6th Elizabeth Webster

11th Jeanette Mitchell

14th Joyce Biller

22nd Val Braby

JUNE 2015

1st Brenda Rink

12th Fred Broderick

4th Jill Haysom

16th Amelia White

JULY 2015

8th Sheila Brown

18th Rita Klein

25th Brian Hickey

14th Edna Humphrey

23rd Patricia Bellingan

We apologies for any omissions.

Happy Birthday and many blessings to all of you. May your day be a very happy one.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW RESIDENTS

We extend a very warm welcome to the following residents:

Mr. & Mrs. McCallum to cottage 68 and Mr. & Mrs. Haig to cottage 112..

We trust that you will soon be settled in and feel at home in our lovely Formosa Village.

Please check the notice boards in the foyer for the roster of daily events as there might just be something of interest to you.



WEDDING BELLES AND BEAUX

We hope that the following residents soon to be celebrating their wedding anniversaries will have a glorious time remembering their most special day.

APRIL 2015

Elma & Les Bergh	04/04/1953	62 years
Barbara & Georg von dem Bussche	11/04/1970	45 years
Joan & Don Ayres	20/04/1990	25 years

MAY 2015

Claire & Andy Andersen	02/05/1959	56 years
Jennifer & Brian Hickey	23/05/1979	36 years



JUNE 2015

Sheilagh & Fred Broderick	12/06/1961	54 years
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JULY 2015

Julie & Neville Whittaker	09/07/1966	49 years
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We send them our sincere congratulations and wish them every blessing for the future.

BUDGET FEEDBACK MEETING

A residents feedback meeting regarding the 2015/2016 budget will be scheduled in the month of March once the Executive committee approves the proposed 2015/2016 budget.

Residents will be informed in due course.



IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of the following residents.



Henri Marais
19 April 1915
29 November 2014



Denys Hansen
25 May 1925
17 February 2015



Pricilla Anderson
16 April 1914
21 February 2015

- * Dr. Henri Marais passed away 29th November 2014. We will miss his voice at special occasions when he would always offer a few words of appreciation for a job well done.
- * Dr. Denys Hansen was a truly gifted man in the field of plastic surgery. He sadly passed away on Tuesday 17 February in the Knysna Life Hospital. Our sincere condolences to his wife, family and friends.
- * Mrs. Pricilla Anderson, our oldest resident, passed away in the early hours of 21 February. Pricilla would have celebrated her 101 birthday on the 16th April 2015.

WE SAY GOODBYE AND HELLO

RESIDENTS

We bid a fond farewell to Jeremy and Rosemary Dawes from cottage 21, who have relocated to a beautiful sea view cottage in town to be closer to their daughter, Pam. Rosemary still pops in every now and then for a visit or a wiggle at Fun in Fitness.

We wish them every happiness in their new home.



STAFF LEAVING US

As you know by now our friendly, smiling Cathy has resigned as she has opted to take on the responsibility of managing a new financial investment shop in town. Coming from a background of managing a big bank branch, she has made the decision to take on this great opportunity that will allow her growth in her career.



Coke our driver has left us at the end of January. He has taken up a job driving a truck and has relocated to George.

Smallboy, has taken up employment as a bricklayer as that is something he has always wanted to do.

Philip Pause, has decided to leave our employment as he suffered a very serious injury when he was involved in an accident.

We wish them all the best in their new ventures.

NEW STAFF JOINING US

We welcome Mishca Glennie to FGV.

We are of the opinion that Mishca will settle in well due to her energetic, friendly personality, patience, positive outlook and ability to understand the immediate needs of the mature residents. We wish her a long and happy relationship with FGV. Mishca has lived in Plettenberg bay for the past 20 years. She attended Wittedrift High and then later at Union High in Graaff Reinet. She is fluent in both English and Afrikaans.

Mishca feels very privileged to work at FGV as family ties come **together**. Mishca's great-great Aunt and Uncle Bill and Ola Vardy were founder members of FGV. Mr. Vardy drew up the constitution in June 1980.



We welcome Charles our new driver . He has 15 years of driving experience and with his wonderful friendly nature and patience, we believe he will fit right in.

We have also added to our gardening and maintenance staff. We have employed Renvor, Laurinston, Luigi, Railon and Danvor. They are all energetic young men eager to learn and work hard. They all come from a background of gardening and we know that with your guidance they will soon be looking after your gardens just the way you want.

DO YOU REMEMBER

A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

With The name Leslie (note the ie) Price-Jones is well known in Plettenberg Bay and particularly in Formosa Garden Village for her generosity in virtually donating 25 hectares of the property on which FGV now stands. The Price-Jones wing of the frailcare is named after her.

Leslie's parents came to Plettenberg Bay in the early 1940's where they ran a small bed and breakfast in Hill Street. Her father also owned the local bottle store. After a number of years her parents purchased a large tract of land which included FGV's portion and where the Hill complex now stands. There they built a home overlooking the Bay where they lived for many years. Eventually Leslie inherited the property and continued living there until her death.

FGV resident Don Ribbans also lived in Plettenberg Bay in those early 1940's and Leslie soon had him in her clutches! The look on his face in the picture on the right says it all!

Don and Leslie both started school at the Plettenberg Bay Primary School in Odland street in 1946. Don managed to find a list of the pupils' names who were at the school in 1946 and a photo of them taken by his aunt. These were published in the Cxpress a few years ago but are re-published here for the interest of FGV residents.

Maybe some of you will recognize one or two of the names or faces.



Reginald Ernest Cowley	Eric Julyan	David Thompson
Dudley George Cowley	Henry Harold Julyan	Isabel Janet Toplis
Alma Graham Gordon Cow-	Iris Julyan	Jeanette van Rooyen
Maria Cowley	Theodore Alfred Julyan	John William van Rooyen
Noel Frederick Dawes	Patricia Louise Linden-	Thomas Stephen van Rooyen
Heather Earp-Jones	Engelbertha Meyer	Cornelia Marthina vd
Ivy Maud Engels	Elizabeth Ann Newdigate	Sarah Magdalena vd
Mary Margaretha Engels	Louis Theodoris	Roelof Johannes vd Westhuizen
James David Beck Engels	Leslie Lynette Price-Jones	Eleanor Valda van Rensburg
Patronal Cornelia Frytsman	Donald Lewis Ribbans	Herklaas Solomon van Tonder
Juliana Gillespie	Reyn Ewald Smit	Michael Corrie Weavind
Edna Julyan	Maureen Rose Stewart	Dudley Christopher Weavind



GET TO KNOW OUR RESIDENTS

Jan Van Rooyen

Jan was born on the 13th of February 1920 – yes an extraordinary achievement in itself!

His parents lived on a farm in the Baviaanskloof. His Grandfather Ferreira owned extensive farms in the area. When he was 10 years old his parents moved to the Somerset East district where Jan attended Gill College. As a young man during the War he joined the post office where he was trained as a Secret Morse Code Operator.

At age nineteen Jan was appointed Post Master at Cookhouse – according to our grandmother the youngest Post Master ever appointed in South Africa. From Cookhouse his career moved at a fast pace from South West Africa as Manager for Rembrandt to a position in the Treasury of General Motors in Port Elizabeth where he met and married his wife of 60 years Helene Niehaus.



Helene (older sister of Formosa Resident Marina Niven) was born in Smithfield OFS to Dr. Charles (Justice) Niehaus and Beatrice Niehaus (nee Cilliers). Helene attended the University of Pretoria where she earned a Masters Degree in Botany. After the birth of their first child, Jacques, in Port Elizabeth, the van Rooyens moved to Cape Town where Jan, with the help of Standard Oil USA, started Boland Lugspuitdiens in Malmesbury, a crop spraying business. After the birth of daughter Beatty-Anne, they moved to Malmesbury to be closer to the business. Soon after second daughter Jenny was born Jan was offered the position of founding General Manager of the Milkboard (today Milk SA) Jan sold his interest in the Crop Spraying Business and the family **moved to Camps Bay, Cape Town. During Jan's management the country's Dairy Industry grew from hand milking, milk cans on the side of farm roads and railway stations to automatic milking machines, bulk milk storage tanks**

on farms and refrigerated bulk transportation of milk. As the Board grew **and the rest of the country was included under the Board's control** the headquarters had to be moved to Pretoria to be closer to the Central Government.

In Pretoria Helene opened and ran a very successful Antique Shop called Antico. Helene travelled all over Europe, Scotland, Ireland and England to purchase Antiques for her business.

Towards the middle of 1969 Jan was offered **the position of "Minister of Economics"** for the South African Mission to the European Communities in Brussels Belgium. Five exciting and interesting years followed in Belgium! As Diplomats representing South Africa the van Rooyens were privileged to live in beautiful Brussels, travel all over Europe and wine and dine with world leaders, Princes and Princesses.

In 1976 Jan was transferred to Washington DC where he held the same position as Minister Economics to the USA.



The van Rooyens retired to South Africa in the early 1980s later joining their daughter Beatty-Anne and Son-In-Law Robert Starkey on their farm Colleton in the Graaff Reinet region.

Jan and Helene later returned to Port Elizabeth from where they regularly travelled to USA the UK and Japan to visit their daughter Jenny and son Jacques and families. Jan is now taken care of in the Riley Wing by our very caring Frailcare staff.

CARD FACILITIES

Just a quick reminder that FGV has a Card Machine. It makes paying levies an absolute pleasure, so quick and easy.

Just remember to raise your daily spending limit to accommodate your levy.



BUILDING WORK PROGRESS REPORT

Cottage up-grades

Upgrades to cottage 68 and 112 has been completed.

The residents have moved in and we hope that they are settling in well with Village life.

Work has commenced on cottages 105, 108, 21 and 137.

Laundry and Staff facilities

The foundations of the new laundry and staff facilities were cast on Friday 24th October and has now taken shape for everyone to see.



The interior fittings and equipment work is now in progress and when shortly completed will bring much needed relief to the laundry staff and decent ablution facilities and change rooms for all outdoor and indoor staff.

All water supply pipe lines and sewage lines have been satisfactory diverted in the area under construction. New electric cables will be required for the building. This involves the laying of new cables from the area where the generator is situated past Price Jones wing to the new building and one from the generator past the E1 cottages to the mini sub opposite cottage40.

Proposed 5 new cottages near Formosa Garden Village entrance gate

We have completed a master plan survey of the entire village which was a requirement of the municipality before submitting plans for the new cottages.

The plans of these cottages which were drawn up by our architect Paul Scheepers have now been passed by the Bitou Municipality. The plans are displayed in the foyer

Four different builders have been invited to submit tenders which have to be received by 27th March 2015. Once a decision is made by your Executive Committee on which will be accepted, sponsorship prices can be decided on and persons on the waiting list offered the opportunity to accept.



A FEW REMINDERS

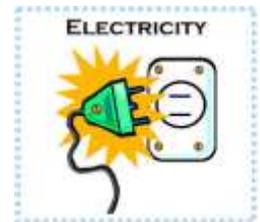
- ◆ Sandra van Zyl handles all account queries and maintenance complaints. She also does the kitchen orders. Contact her on her internal line #103.
- ◆ Mishca Glennie, our receptionist, will assist you with credit card and cash payments. She also manages the Guest room bookings. Contact her on the switchboard line #100.
- ◆ FGV Bus transportation runs every week day from 9.30 a.m. *Monday, Wednesday and Friday* drop off and pick up point is Melville Corner in town. On *Tuesdays and Thursdays* drop off and pick up point is The Market Square (Pick & Pay). We can not deviate from these routes.
- ◆ Private Drivers **on request , using the resident's own vehicle.**
- ◆ FGV Car & Driver on request for Drs visits.



Please note that they are restricted to transporting only in Plettenberg Bay & Knysna. An hourly rate is applicable and your account will be charged accordingly. **Book drivers through Sandra's office.**

GENERATOR

The country is currently experiencing load shedding. When a blackout occurs, the generator will supply electricity to the village within 3 to 7 minutes when starting up automatically.



In the event of a power cut, we ask all residents to switch off all non essential items to enable the generator to automatically start up. If there is an overload, the generator will not be switched on and Philip, Bugs or Alie will have to be called out to follow the manual start-up procedure of the generator. Please be patient should power be interrupted.

BLOCKED SEWERAGE LINES

We are experiencing a high number of blocked drains as residents are continuously flushing foreign objects down the sewerage system. Please assist us in refraining from flushing any foreign items such as sanitary towels, nappies etc. down the drain as these are causing serious blockages.



EASTER MINI MARKET

Join us for our annual Easter Mini Market on Thursday the 26th March 2015.

The market will be held in the FGV lounge and we have invited a selection of sellers to come and display their goods.

Pop in between 08:30 and 11:00 and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea with a delicious hot cross buns prepared by our wonderful kitchen staff.

Do invite your friends to join in some Easter fun.



NEW SECURITY BIBS FOR PRIVATE STAFF

The House Committee and Management received several concerns from residents with regard to the clear identification of private domestics and gardeners working in the village. Their

proposal to clearly identify private workers on FGV's premises by means of wearing colour coded bibs has been ratified by the Executive Committee. There are two colours available, Pink for Private Domestics and Blue for Private Gardeners. The cost of these bibs are R135.00 which will be charged where applicable to your FGV account.



We are currently implementing this new security protocol. All residents that have received forms to please return them to the office and collect the bibs. Staff will be required to wear this bib to gain access to FGV at the gate and should be worn at all times when walking around the village. Private workers without the required bib, will be refused entry into the village. No special permission will be granted.

REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM GARDENS

We are still having situations where plants, pot plants and garden ornaments are being removed from residents gardens.

We earnestly request that no pots, shrubs, garden ornaments or lampshades be removed from any cottage—vacant or occupied—without the permission of the Manager or the resident living there. Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.



IMPORTANT REQUEST WHEN GOING AWAY

We would like to remind our residents to PLEASE fill in a Going Away form at reception when you leave, even for 1 night and please make sure that you supply all the information requested on the form.

Incomplete information will cause confusion with Riley Wing's morning checks as well as Domestic and Gardener schedules. Please remember to close all your windows and lock your doors. Please do

not leave doors unlocked even if you are only going to town for an hour or so.



Allie and Alfred check all vacant cottages every morning and late afternoon for the duration of your absence and any abnormalities noticed will be reported and followed up on.



We do ask residents to please assist us in the safekeeping and security of our village.

PHONE SYSTEM UPGRADE

FGV has recently undergone a telephone system upgrade. All cottages have been issued a new black phone. Some residents however prefer the old cream coloured phones. Contact Bugs should you prefer to change your phone back to the old handset.



EMERGENCY HELP NO, ****2102**

May we remind residents that the intercom phones can be used in times of emergency to call the Frail Care Staff. All that is required is to knock the phone off its cradle which will give off a signal in Riley Wing alerting the Sister to your need for assistance.

IN CASE OF AN EXTREME MEDICAL EMERGENCY OR A LIFE-THREATENING SITUATION, you may dial ****2102** from your internal phone for assistance.

All other calls to the Riley Wing should continue to be done in the normal manner. Management stresses that calls made to the new number that are NOT emergencies will invoke the payment of a fine.



PHOTOS

During our last Executive cocktail party, we were fortunate to have a photographer in the house. He has taken some photos of our guests arriving and also throughout the evening.

Ray Friedman, the photographer, is available to do photo prints for you. Cost of photos are R15.00 per jumbo size photo.

An order sheet with photos samples is available for viewing at the office. Mishca will assist you with your order.

Below some of the photos taken during the evening.



REMINDER OF EVENTS AT FGV

Formosa offers a variety of entertainment during the month for our residents and members.

- U3A: Mondays and Wednesdays at 10h00 (Lounge)
 U3A Film Club: Last Monday of the month at 18h15 (Lounge)
 Contact: Michael Lond - 044 533 0018
- Bridge: Mondays at 13h45 (Dining Room)
 Contact: Mrs. Jean Korck - 044 533 0340
- Digitone (Hearing aids): **Every 2nd Tuesday at 09h30 (Riley Wing Dr's Room)**
 Contact: Stephen - 079 337 0839
- Fellowship: Every Tuesday at 10h00 (Lounge)
 Contact: Lisa Ritchie - 044 533 3032
- Fun and Fitness: Tuesday at 15h30 and Thursday at 10h00 (Lounge)
 Contact: Marie Gibson - 082 820 4353
- Bingo: Every 2nd Tuesday at 18h30 (Dining Room)
 Contact: Rosemary Davies—Cottage 78 (4078)
- FGV Movie: Every 2nd Wednesday at 14h30 (Lounge)
 Contact: Mishca at Reception
- Bowls: Thursday at 09h00 on the Greens
 Contact: Mishca at Reception
- Plett Optical: **Thursday at 09h30 (Riley Wing Dr's Room)**
 By appointment only - Call 044 533 1335 for bookings
- Make & Bake: Every Friday at 08h30 to 09h30 (Lounge / Foyer)
 Contact: Mrs. P Denman - Cottage 85 (4085)
- Catholic Mass: Every 1st Friday of the month (Small Dining Room)
 Contact: Mrs. M Wingate—Pearse (4002)
- Music Appreciation: Every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 16h00 (Lounge)
 Contact: Mrs. Pamela de vos Bonthuys- Cottage 80 (4080)
- Anglican Church Service: Every 4th Friday of the month at 09h30(Lounge)
 Contact: Mrs. Lynn Connell - Cottage 114 (4114) or
 Rev. Erik Andersen—Cottage 93 (4093)
- Mah Jong : Every Friday of the month at 13h30(SDRM)
 Contact: Mrs. Amelia White - Cottage 56 (4056)

Please see the weekly and monthly calendar in the foyer for more info.

PEOPLE BORN BEFORE 1940 BY JOYCE GIBSON

We were born before TV, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, videos and the pill. We were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ballpoint pens, before dishwashers, tumble driers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes...and before man walked on the moon.

1945

- Atomic bomb
- Microwave oven



We got married first and then lived together (how quaint can you be?). We thought “fast

food” was what you ate in Lent, a “Big Mac” was an oversized raincoat and “crumpet” we had for tea. We existed before house husbands, computer dating and “sheltered accommodation” was where you waited for a bus.

We were before day care centres, group homes and disposable nappies. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, artificial

hearts, word processors, or young men wearing

earrings. For us “time sharing” meant together-

ness, a “chip” was a piece of wood or fried potato,

“hardware” meant nuts and bolts, and “software”

wasn't a word.

Before 1940, “Made in Japan” meant junk, the term “making out” referred to how you did in your exams, “stud” was some-

thing that fastened a collar to a shirt and “going all the way”

meant staying on a double decker bus to the terminus. In

our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable, “grass” was

mown, “coke” was kept in the coalhouse, a “joint” was a

piece of meat you ate on Sundays and

“pot” was something you cooked it in.

“Rock music” was a fond mother's lullaby,

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party, while “aids” just meant beauty

treatment or help for someone in trouble.

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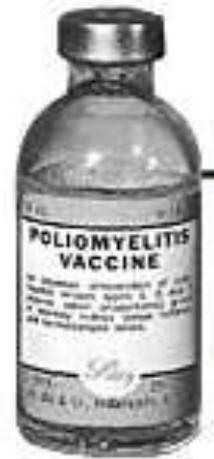
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there is a generation gap today — but — by the Grace of

God, we have survived!

1957

- Sputnik launch
- Live-virus polio vaccine



1968 ▼

- Computer mouse



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2001

- Segway
- iPod



1970s ▲

- Personal computers