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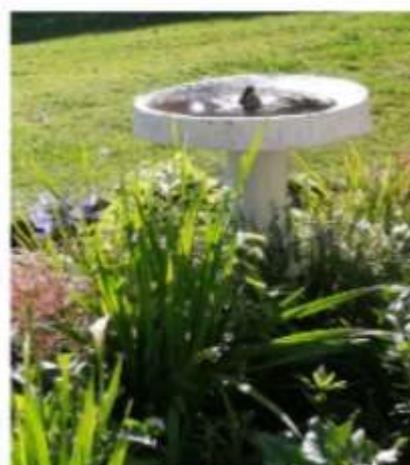
Winter has finally arrived

Winter has arrived, they say, but we are still waiting for the cold to really get to us. This little bird took the opportunity to have a morning bath in our garden birdbath. It was so much fun to watch him. Thank you to Lizette for capturing these beautiful pictures.

As Bitou has recently been declared a hotspot area, the staff have been doing their utmost best to keep our residents safe and healthy. If you are unable to drive and need some assistance with shopping, please contact the office.

Management are sending out regular letters pertaining to any updates regarding the Covid-19 situation. We ask residents to please keep practicing social distancing and to remember to wear your mask when out in public.

Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness.



Upcoming Public Holidays

Please note that the office will be closed during the upcoming Public holidays. No office, Gardener and Maintenance staff will be available on these weekdays.

Monday 10 August: **National Women's Day**

Thursday 24 September: **Heritage Day**

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday and many blessings to everyone celebrating a birthday during the next few months.

AUGUST 2020

3rd	Shirley Johnstone	3rd	Charl Weavind	6th	Marina Niven
12th	Roxana Sayer	12th	Hazel Hill	17th	Eunice Walls
17th	Heather Smith	19th	Lyndsey Wright	19th	Paula McLachlan
20th	Nell Meyer	22nd	Jenny Stevenson	26th	Theo Jager
31st	Gillian Marshall				

SEPTEMBER 2020

1st	Geoffrey Armitage	4th	Betty Richardson	5th	Heather Ribbans
5th	Peta Van Gass	6th	Lynn Connell	6th	Gordon Paterson
8th	Ann Armitage	11th	Megan Stobart	13th	Jean Baker
15th	Joan Deane	19th	Joan Moubray	19th	Biff Wiener
20th	Wouter De Vos	20th	Michael Weavind	20th	Gillian Evelyn
21st	Ruth Gess	21st	Jennifer Leibnitz	22nd	Bill Harrison
30th	Denise Anderson				

OCTOBER 2020

2nd	Annette Dreyer	3rd	Ann Swartz	3rd	Liz Mudd
4th	Meri Dodds	8th	Michael Clark	8th	Anne Clark
10th	Erwin Leibnitz	11th	Lou van Lieshout	12th	Glen Dietrich
12th	Dennis Smith	14th	Rosemary Teubes	18th	Norman Dodd
22th	Tony Cain	25th	Marie Wagener	27th	Peter Stratten
29th	Elizabeth Ayres				

NOVEMBER 2020

1st	Elli Holmes	3rd	Margie Arnold	4th	Norman Gess
5th	Jean Wilkinson	11th	John Lamb	11th	Elma Bergh
20th	Margaret Brown	21st	Justine Odendaal	22nd	David Atkinson
22nd	Robert Allen	22nd	Patricia Douglas	24th	Julie Whittaker
25th	Roger Wright	25th	Jean Allen	26th	Barbara Byrne
29th	Rene Isemonger				

Welcome to our new residents

If it was not for the Corona Virus pandemic, we would have welcomed a few new faces to our village. Erwin and Jennifer Leibnitz were set to move into cottage 114, Dennis and Jean Pizani to Cottage 23, John Pretorius to cottage 28 and Dermot and Megan Stobart were due to move into cottage 78. I am sure, that as soon as it is possible, we will be able to welcome them to our village.

Liz Mudd and Daphne Simkins have given up their cottages and taken up permanent residency in the Riley Wing. We wish them all the best in their new homes.



Cottage upgrades

Upgrades and renovations on vacant cottages have been halted due to the current lockdown on the village. Builders have commenced with these renovations.

Sponsored cottages that are currently under renovations, include: Cottage 23 (Dennis and Jean Pizani), Cottage 28 (John Pretorius), Cottage 78 (Dermot and Megan Stobart) and Cottage 114 (Erwin and Jennifer Leibnitz).

Cottages 30, 76, 77, 89 and 130 are currently still in the sponsoring phase and some upgrades have already commenced. We would like to thank you for your patience during these renovations.

We Remember

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of the following residents. Our sincere condolences to their family and friends.



Ivan Baker
13/04/2020



Jackie Delport
09/05/2020



Jennifer Hickey
01/06/2020



Joyce Biller
26/06/2020



Nancy Stratten
29/06/2020



Val Gardner
31/07/2020

Speed limit

We have received several complaints regarding drivers not adhering to the 20km/ph speed limit. Please keep to this speed when driving on all roads in the village.



Resident News

We bid farewell to Elaine Vosges and Ray van der Poll. They have both left FGV to be closer to their families.

Elaine and her husband moved to cottage 30 in August 2011. Sadly Brian passed away in Aug 2013.

Elaine was very active in the Fellowship and we will miss seeing her driving up to the admin on her little red scooter.

Ray moved originally into cottage 45 during August 2007 and later opted to down-scale and in 2017 he moved into cottage 89. He was always seen in the company of his little black and white Jack Russel, Jacky.

We wish them both the very best.



Sliding locks on doors

We would like to remind residents that we keep a set of keys locked in a safe in my office for the purpose of emergencies only. Emergencies include: Medical and maintenance emergencies or a burst geyser. Therefore it is very important that you should advise us if you change any of your locks. It is also very important that you should not use sliding locks or bolts on all your doors, as this will hinder us entering your cottage in case of an emergency.



Bugs and other maintenance requests

Our local technical boffin does not need any introduction, but I would like to remind residents who require his assistance with private TV Systems (DSTV) cell phones, laptops, tablets and computers, that these requests do not fall under the responsibility of FGV. Bugs cannot tend to any of these private issues during FGV work hours. He is however available to assist after hours. Should you require any assistance, please contact Sandra. Alternatively you can contact the Computer shop or Megasat in town.



Repair of items such as bed lamps, irons, kettles, hair dryers, radios, microwaves, dishwashers and private electrical equipment, does not fall under the Maintenance department. Please contact the office for a referral, if you do not know who to contact for assistance.

The current FGV cottage maintenance policy states:

FGV's Responsibility - External maintenance and upkeep of cottages. These include:

- The painting, waterproofing and varnishing thereof - painting done according to a 5 yearly painting schedule
- Cottage doors, window frames, windows, gutters, external door locks and structural defects
- Water, Sewerage, geyser and legal electricity connection up to and including the outlets
- Bulbs for internal and external fixed light fittings only
- Weed spraying restricted to the common roads / paved areas and communal gardens.

Resident's Responsibility - Internal maintenance and upkeep of a cottage, while being occupied by the resident.

These include:

- General maintenance of the inside of cottages which includes varnishing and painting of the cottages.
- Normal wear and tear items – cottage keys, cupboards, handles, toilet seats, carpets, tiles, shower doors, garage motors, remotes, sink and basin plugs within the cottage. Weed spray of the cottage garden and surrounding paving area.
- Breakages caused by the resident.



Private Care

While the Frail Care is in lockdown, FGV is currently making use of the Care Services of 2 private carers (Felicia Zithsu and Yolane Yonn) assisting with the morning monitoring of the private workers entering the village as well as cottage services that the Frail Care would normally have offered. Please contact Gerda should you require any services.



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Diocese of George

1st June 2020

The Residents
Formosa Garden Village
Plettenberg Bay

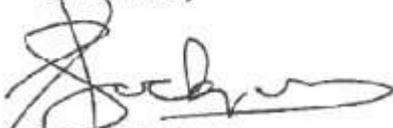
We would like to thank you most sincerely for your generous donations towards the food parcels that have enabled us to reach out to the needy in the communities in the greater Bitou area.

The generosity of the residents of the Village and the help given by the management and staff of Formosa Garden Village has made it possible to reach out to so many who would otherwise not have had food on their tables in the past two months of lockdown. Our ladies in the communities who are running the soup kitchens and helping with the distribution are aware of those who are most in need and it is those people who we have endeavoured to reach out to. In the words of Sydney Carter's hymn "When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there? I was cold, I was hungry, were you there, were you there? And the creed and the colour and the name don't matter" – you were there.

We have run soup kitchens at our outlying chapelries for many years and with the generosity of our donors hope to be able to continue to do so in the months to come as the full extent of joblessness and poverty affect all our communities.

May God bless you and keep you safe and well.

Yours sincerely



Fr Edwin Pockpass
Rector.



Gratuity Box Staff Donations

If you wish to give a staff member a financial gift or "tip", we request that you DO NOT give to individuals as this causes unhappiness between members of staff. Instead place your donation in the locked gratuity box in the foyer. There are small white envelopes at the reception (ask Lizette) to assist you in this regard. We would like to thank each and every one who contributes towards the staff gratuity fund during the year.

Removal of items from Cottages

We are still experiencing many incidents and receiving several complaints regarding items being removed from cottages without the required consent. We therefore earnestly request that no furniture, pot plants, shrubs, garden ornaments or light bulbs be removed from any cottage -vacant or occupied - without written permission from the resident living there, family of the resident or the permission of Management. Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.



Emergency Number **2102

In case of an emergency at your cottage, knock the internal phone off its cradle. The Riley Wing phone will ring and alert the Sister to your need for assistance. Should there be no answer, the sisters will investigate. She will then arrange for an ambulance for transfer to the hospital should it be required.

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

Panic Buttons

A panic button can be ordered through the main office by completing an order form. The once off cost is R272.00 and will be charged to your account. This panic button should be carried around your neck at all times and will provide the same service as knocking off the internal phone handset. It is very important that you test the panic button at least once a month. Should you require a new battery, one can be purchased from the office at R30.00 a battery or you can buy one at any retail store. Just ask for an A23 size battery.



Operating Office Hours



We would like to remind residents of our office hours. Monday to Thursday the office is open from 08h00 to 17h00. Fridays we are open from 08h00 to 16h00. Staff are on lunch between 13h00 and 14h00. Office is closed on Saturdays, Sundays and all Public Holidays. The internal phone number for the Frail care is 102 and the direct phone number is 044 533 2718.

Although we would like to help everyone with everything, sometimes there are certain requests we can not assist with. We however will try and refer you to someone who can. Items that we are unable to assist with, include: Telkom, DSTV, medical aids and any other private companies queries.

Maintenance, Drivers, Painters and Gardeners new lunch times

As you know, most of our staff are back on duty. In order to maintain social distancing, we had to adapt their break times. Please respect the break times of the staff.

Gardeners: Tea Time - 09:30 to 10:00 Lunch - 13:00 to 14:00
Maintenance, Painters & Drivers: Tea Time - 10:00 to 10:30 Lunch - 14:00 to 15:00

Laundry Protocol

Due to the requirements laid out by Social Development, it is necessary to ensure that all laundry received from residents is not soiled [Ⓛ] as to avoid cross contamination, which can lead to dangerous and costly infections within the village. All soiled clothing items, should firstly be rinsed at your cottage before it can be considered safe to be washed at our laundry. These items should then be separately sent in a sealed plastic with clear indication that this is a soiled item that was rinsed.



[Ⓛ] Soiled - Any linen which has minimal spotting of visible blood, faeces or any other body fluids on it.

Decontamination spraying of FGV main buildings against Covid-19

Early Monday morning (27 July 2020) RC Trading started to disinfect all the main building areas against possible infection from the COVID-19 Corona virus pandemic.

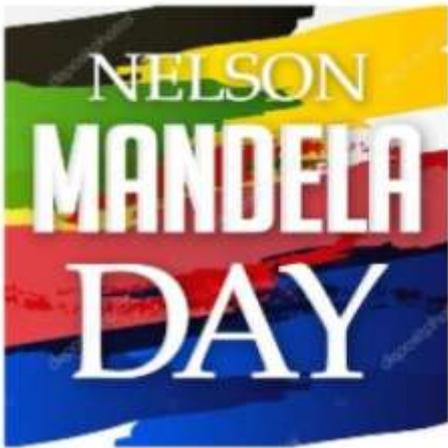
They are using a substance that is a multi-purpose broad spectrum preparation; effective against bacteria, fungi, viruses and spores as a topical application to prevent and **treat respiratory diseases. The official name is 'F10SC Disinfectant'**. The fogging process provides deep cleaning and surface cleaning of the areas, and the effects of neutralizing the germs can last up to 30 days.



Private Domestic and Gardeners

As per Government Announcement as of 1 June 2020 all private domestics and gardeners may return to work. However, Formosa Garden Village classifies as a high risk due to the age of the residents living in this village. In order to allow private staff to enter the village, all private staff have to be registered with the office. Forms are available from the office. Residents must provide private staff with a FGV bib, masks and hand sanitizer. No staff will be allowed access if they are not wearing a mask and the FGV bib. A daily questionnaire is completed and temperatures are checked at the gate before entry. Staff are not allowed to leave the residents cottage during the day for any reason and will not be allowed near any of our staff facilities. Should you require any further information, please contact the office.





This year for Nelson Mandela Day, FGV got involved and our kitchen prepared and donated 67 cupcakes to the local police station and homeless shelter, Native Roots. Kitchen Manager, Marietha Swart handed over these beautifully decorated cupcakes.

How can we help?

When a staff member approached me about some neighbours in her community who lost their homes in a recent fire, I just had to assist. With the generous donations from residents to the thrift shop, I was



able to help these poor unfortunate souls with several bags full of clothing, warm blankets and some kitchen items to assist them to start building their lives again. Thank you again for all the donations towards the thrift shop which enables me to assist others.

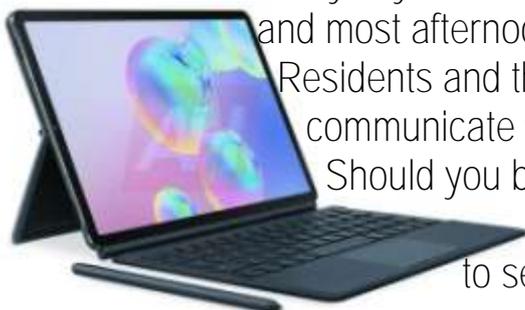
Dear Sir/Madam

We will like to say thank you very much for you in Formosa. We wish what you have done for us, you will do to others. it means a lot to us at this time. May God bless you.

From the Family of Landezwa Mding and Phumza Badi

Tablet for the Frail Care

Due to Covid-19, the Frail Care has been in lockdown with no visits from the outside allowed. With that in mind, FGV recently purchased a 10 inch tablet to enable communication between residents and their family. It seems like this has been a very welcomed initiative. Matron Riley says that the tablet has been very popular between residents and most afternoons have been booked.



Residents and their families are very happy to be able to phone and communicate via Skype and Zoom.

Should you be in the Frail Care and would like to book a time to contact your family or friends, please call the Sisters to set up a suitable time.