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ROSEWOOD PARK

Lovely new villas at Rosewood Park

Greetings from MiLife Rosewood Park

2018 has been another busy year at Rosewood Park. In May this year we completed 6 new villas, 5 of which are now occupied with great new residents who are enjoying village life. What I love most about these new Villas is that they capture the sun so well. In October we started on our 3rd and final stage of development, comprising of an additional seven 2-bedroom Villas. We already have contracts on some of these Villas and a lot of interest coming from outside Levin, so we expect they will be taken quickly. If you are interested in knowing more just give me a call to discuss. Rosewood Park has certainly seen significant development over the last few years, but the village atmosphere is still as friendly and welcoming as it always was. We will have 52 Villas once this final build is completed, a perfect size to maintain personal contact with our



Farewell Pam
16 years at
Rosewood Park

residents. We recently said farewell to Pam, one of our longest standing residents. After 16 years in the village, Pam has left Rosewood Park to move outside of Levin. The village has certainly changed since she arrived.

Our residents have enjoyed many great times this year with various events and outings that have been arranged by our great Resident's Committee. I've had numerous residents commenting that their lives are so busy with all the things they can attend at the Village.

I look forward to an exciting 2019 and the arrival of new residents joining our friendly community.

Enjoy a fantastic Christmas and New Year.

Linda, Village Manager



Floral Art with Barbara Blewitt

We were fortunate to have Barb Blewitt visit the village and share her floral art skills. Barb is the mother of our Manager at Kelvin Grove. Barb demonstrated how to make beautiful posey centre pieces and they were delivered to some of our residents that were unwell.



Armistice Day Commemoration

Residents of Rosewood Park had their own 100th commemoration service of Armistice Day on November 11th. Stella Milne prepared the programme and displays. Several residents read out relevant information from WWI, while others talked about their immediate family who had taken part in battles.

Terry Smith talked about his father, John Tom Smith, who served as a Lance Corporal in the Royal Field Ambulance Service in France. Terry's wife, Pat, read out startling statistics of the war. Jim Clisby wore his father's medals from WWII, and his own NZ Defence Force medal for military training in the New Zealand Navy. Jim also read verses from Laurence Binyon's: "For the Fallen". Rae Clisby read extracts about her great-uncle in WWI, from a Lloyd family history book (The Lost Boys), which her brother co-wrote.

Residents rang bells at 11 minutes past 11am and the poignant service finished with the playing of the Last Post.

A Fantastic Year at MiLife Kelvin Grove!

What a year! The hammers have been busy as our final units near completion. The construction site has been a hive of activity over recent months and what an amazing result. What was once a paddock is now our beautiful Kelvin Grove Village and come February 2019 the village will finally be complete with 57 villas. The original village plan allowed for 62 villas, but over the years the vision changed to fewer villas and more green space. This has resulted in beautiful gardens and larger villas with great aspects. We have received so many positive comments from our residents, their friends and families and people within the community. We are proud of the finished result.

Building and development aside, it has been another fun and busy year for our residents. What a great group of people we have here. The social calendar has been packed with outings, village events and guest speakers.

I hope everyone enjoys the festive season and I look forward to 2019.

Sue, Village Manager



Christmas decorations made by resident Hilda Knowler

All Dressed for the Races

Rosewood Park residents celebrated the Melbourne Cup from the comfort of the Community Lounge.



Earle Kent and Ron Law hanging Christmas lights



Museum in a Box

This is a joint venture between Te Manawa Museum and Palmerston North City Council. Instead of heading out to the museum, the museum comes to you. Museum staff bring along a box of museum items of a particular theme. We saw residents take a trip down Memory Lane as stories were told and the lounge was filled with laughter. Themes include Royalty, Kitchen, Royalty, Kitchen, Hair and The Square to name a few. Te Manawa have also recently undertaken the refurbishment of the Santa's Cave exhibition and with Christmas fast approaching it provided a great opportunity for a village outing to the Museum. Santa's Cave first began at Collinson and Cunningham's Department store 100 years ago which then became Farmers on Broadway before arriving at Te Manawa to become part of history.



Aboard the carousel

The visit prompted a few great memories from our residents. Stories were shared over coffee and Christmas cake with some of them recalling back 80 years "when I was a wee girl, we would stand in the queue along the white line that wiggled its way around the department store from one end of the building to the other, but the highlight was always the carousel. The boys peddled fast and made it scary for the girls." Nancy recalled.

This restoration project opened on 20 November 2018 to the public, so if you haven't been, I recommend you check it out.

Iron Maiden - Aimee Perrett

During the year we have welcomed some amazing guest speakers organised by our residents committee. To name just a few we have had the opportunity to hear from journalist Victoria Gaither, Annette Nixon, who spoke about her venture to the Chatham Islands, author Cynric Temple-Camp and watched some amazing performers including a choir and the Salvation Army Band. Ending on a high was our final speaker for 2018, the inspirational Aimee Perrett. The first slide of her presentation said it all.... HOW I KEEP GOING



Listening to guest speaker Aimee

Aimee shared her story from suffering a brain aneurysm while out riding her bike near Apiti to completing numerous Ironman

events in both New Zealand and Hawaii. Aimee gave the residents an insight to those critical minutes as she lay waiting for an ambulance after her aneurysm, to getting to where she is today and how she trains and prepares mentally and physically for demanding Ironman events. She has completed eight Ironman events and her focus now is on the upcoming Taupo Ironman. I know the residents who listened to Aimee's inspirational talk will be supporting her progress and possible podium finish from our armchairs in Kelvin Grove. Aimee has kindly passed onto us her training strategies, which can be applied to anything in life. 'Feel the Goal, Keep Calm, Chunk it Down, Ace the Chunk and Trust the Process'

Mystery Men's Day Out

On November 14th the men headed off on their 30th Men's Day Out (yes 30th - isn't that amazing?) and as always the final trip of the year is a mystery. Here is Jim's account of the day's events.

The van departed the village on Wednesday 14 November and arrived into Wellington Tramway Museum just north of Paekakariki. Over morning tea, we received a history lesson followed by a tour of the museum including a ride on the restored Saloon tramcar down the 2km track to the beach terminus. Lunch was at Fisherman's Table with views to Kapiti Island, superb location, great views and delightful meals followed by Chocolate Mud cake. Arriving back at the village later in the afternoon. In February the events will start again.



Kelvin Grove Bowlers Bev Budd, Des Reilly and Sue Scott"

Kelvin Grove photo corner

Jim Mann on Piano

Sorting Christmas lights

Hanging Christmas lights

Your Kind of Life



A Busy 2018 at MiLife Bell Vista

An exciting milestone in 2018 was celebrating the 10th anniversary of MiLife Bell Vista. It's amazing to think that it's been ten years since we welcomed the first residents to our Village. Over the past decade we have seen the completion of the Village buildings and the formation of a great community of people; people who are in a similar stage of their life who are looking to share this life chapter and connect with others.

We've all heard the advice for positive ageing is to stay connected, to interact and to engage. Bell Vista residents achieve this with the many and varied activities offered in the village. Recent outings and events include visits to gardens, a Quiz Night fundraiser for Cure Kids, collecting driftwood to make an eco-friendly Christmas tree for the Community Centre and the many shared meals, morning teas and get-togethers. The collage of photos shows just how fun and enjoyable 2018 has been. It is so great to see our residents out and about, enjoying what the local community has to offer.

2019 looks set to be another exciting year as we begin developing the land at Wills Road to create a sister village for Bell Vista. We will be sure to keep you all up to date with progress. It will be nice to watch the development from a distance without the noise of construction on our doorstep!

Each year Bell Vista residents choose a committee from a list of nominees that are willing to give up their own time to ensure the smooth running of activities and events. The Committee hold regular meetings with residents, taking suggestions and feedback. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our marvellous Residents' Committee for 2018 and all the other residents who volunteer their time to help our Bell Vista community. I have enjoyed working with you and appreciate everything you do for the Village.

Michelle, Village Manager



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