



New residents Anita and Bill

## A warm welcome to our New Residents

I've said it before and I'll say it again – the best part of my job is welcoming new residents to the Village. In April we had the pleasure of welcoming Anita and Bill. Anita has been a regular visitor to our Village for a while now as her brother lives here too. It made settling in to Village life that much easier. Bill is settling in well too – especially since their new villa comes with the added bonus of a new dishwasher! Anita and Bill – thank you for choosing MiLife as your new home, we hope you'll be very happy here.

Michelle, Village Manager



## Inaugural Men's Day Out



Holden Museum



Ladies Mini Putt team



Vs Men Mini Putt team

The MiLife Bell Vista men had their first Men's Day Out in March. We visited the Holden Museum which also has an 18-hole mini putt course. We had such a great time it was decided to return for a game of mini putt. This time the ladies got wind of our plan and issued us a mini putt challenge. After a lengthy discussion by the men (approximately 1 minute), we accepted the challenge. Eight men and eight ladies went off to do battle. We played in teams of four and had the ladies each draw a man's name out of a hat to determine whom they were playing against. After completing all 18 holes and with much banter and laughter, scores were totalled up and.....yes, you guessed it, the men won! Great time had by all – but we haven't been asked for a re-match yet.

## Convenience Meals available at Bell Vista

We have a lot of residents receiving meals on wheels and/or buying their own frozen meals from the supermarket. As such, our committee took the initiative and bought a freezer stocking it with frozen meals for residents to purchase direct. The committee did some research and found the best frozen meals, as voted by the residents. What a great service for our residents!



The Bell Vista Committee displaying some of the meals on offer



  
Bell Vista  
Goes Social  
on Facebook!

MiLife Bell Vista residents have proved that age is no barrier to using today's modern technology.

Four months ago a meeting was held to gauge interest of who would want to join our own village residents closed Facebook group. Wow! Plenty were interested and after a tutorial and some one-on-one assistance we now have 26 members and a good number of them are 80 plus (we even have one 90 year old). A few residents are somewhat house-bound and our Facebook Group enables them to keep up with what is happening in the village.

The page is used for notices, reminders, photos, hints, general discussion, and a bit of poking fun. Residents are using a variety of devices including PCs, lap tops, tablets and smart phones. It is a great way of communicating easily within the village.

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KELVIN GROVE

## Greetings from MiLife Kelvin Grove

After such a beautiful hot summer I thought I would prepare the residents for what the weather forecasters had spoken about – the upcoming coldsnaps of winter as the polar air blasts across the country. With winter in mind, I took the opportunity to have AOK, a Timaru based merino clothing company, call into the village.



They displayed a large range of their collection, which also included possum fibre in the design mix. It was a popular day in the

lounge and I know many of these purchases will be coming out of the drawers over the next few months as the temperature drops to single digits. Remember to keep warm and dress to the conditions.



We commenced the build of 8 new villas at the end of 2017 and Easter saw the arrival of some new residents. Three of these units are our new design and include a 3rd small bedroom/office in the mix with open plan living and private north facing patios. These villas have been designed with future proofing in mind. We have one set up as a show home so come along and take a look. The final stage of the village is now underway and by the time you read this newsletter some of the foundations will have been laid and framing up. Christmas 2018 is our target for the first of the villa completions.

Sue, Village Manager

## Happy 90th Birthday Pamela!



On the 11th May we had a wonderful 90th birthday celebration for Pamela Pees, organised by her amazing family. Pam even had grandchildren fly out from Australia to attend. Entertainment included Jim Mann on the piano and singing from Faye Marshall, who received a standing ovation. Photographer Ken Smith was in full swing getting some great shots of the day. I got some lovely comments from many of the residents as they all had such a great night. Celebrations continued over the weekend for all her friends and extended family who had come from across the country.



Faye singing



Jim on piano

## A Great Day with Victoria Gaither

Time for news with Victoria Gaither and Stu Frith from IC Radio. Victoria is an American journalist who



came along to the village and spoke about her life back in America and how Stu and Foxton Beach have become part of her life. Victoria was a journalist with ABC for 17 years and experienced first-hand the Clinton, Obama and Trump elections along with many other key events. She is full of personality and knowledge and it was a pleasure to have her at the village. She certainly deserved the Emmy awards she has received over the years.

Your Kind of Life

## Men's Day Out



Kelvin Grove had the first men's Day Out in 2016 and it has now grown to become one of the most anticipated events in the village. This is thanks to Jim at the helm, but as always, behind a great leader is a very supportive partner and we must give credit to his wife, Rita. The most recent trip was over to Halcombe where the men meet Dave and Jacky Short. This entrepreneurial couple have designed, built and now market to the world a portable shearing tool called the 'Handypiece'. Just ask any sheep farmer and they will have knowledge of this device. Also in the shed was a Lamborghini, however no one was keen to sit in the driver's seat just in case they couldn't get out (it was a bit low to the ground!). The day was finished off with a spot of lunch at a local Feilding café before returning to the village. Another great day was had by all with five more outings set for 2018 including the annual mystery destination.

## Coming Up at MiLife Kelvin Grove

In July we are privileged to be having a visit from Cynric Temple-Camp, a local forensic and coronial pathologist and author of a recently published book "The Cause of Death". In his book, Cynric talks in depth about the most fascinating deaths and murder cases he has worked on during his 30 year career. The curious questions will come from the floor as the residents come to hear him speak about local events that have occurred and I am sure the why, how and where will be asked. From all reports I have received he is highly regarded in his field of work and we are privileged to have him coming to talk with the residents. The lounge copy of his book now looks very well used as many of the residents have been keen to read the book after a recommendation from one of our residents. His talk will be followed by a Welcome Morning Tea for our new residents who have waited patiently for their villas to be built.



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ROSEWOOD PARK

## Greetings from Rosewood Park

Village Manager Linda Cliff



So far 2018 has been a busy year at Rosewood Park. The second stage of our development started in September 2017. There was a lot of excavation and preparation of the building site required, but in October the first 3 foundations were poured and it's been all go since then! While building the first stage we were faced

with rain, rain and more rain and in this second stage it was the opposite with drought conditions and water restrictions. We now have 6 more fabulous new villas completed and we are working hard to complete the landscaping. Already we have

residents for 3 of these villas eagerly waiting to move in and I look forward to welcoming them into our village in the coming weeks. These Villas are a great design and are well placed to capture both the morning and afternoon sun. Personally, I love the spacious kitchens and easy-care bathrooms. The final stage of development will commence in the coming months with a further 7 villas, taking Rosewood Park to a completed village of 52 units. We have come a long way from that section next door, covered in trees and old buildings. What a transformation!

Our residents have really enjoyed so many great times this year with all the events and outings that have been arranged by our fantastic Residents Committee. I look forward to the exciting times ahead watching our village grow and of course the arrival of new residents joining our friendly community.

Regards, Linda

# Your Kind of Life

## "We fell in love with Rosewood Park"

After moving from Christchurch in 2014, we realised that a big house and garden was not going to suit us long term. We looked at several retirement villages in Levin, Palmerston North, New Plymouth, and places in between but fell in love with Rosewood Park immediately. We were made to feel very welcome by Linda on our first viewing and by everyone else since then. We are so grateful every day for our beautiful surroundings, neighbours who have quickly become friends, a social life that we can fully join in with - or not if we don't feel like it - and all the other advantages offered by this friendly and supportive community. We have not regretted this new phase in our life for a minute.

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Rosewood residents Audrey and Brian



Celebrating the Royal Wedding in style



Dale and Colleen



Dale, Brian and Colleen

## What's been happening at Rosewood Park

Recent activities that we've enjoyed include getting together with rugby fans on Friday and Saturday evenings to watch Super Rugby. Hurricanes colours predominate but there is a smattering of Crusader and Highlander fans yet to be completely won over.

In May, we visited the Friends of the Otaki River conservation project where we were treated to a very enjoyable tour behind the scenes, a drive around their various planting sites, and morning tea.

On regular Mondays, we watch some of the new and old favourite musicals on DVD - Singing in the Rain, Mama Mia, and Oliver, to name a few.

Then, of course, Royal Wedding fever gripped some of us who dressed accordingly and watched the whole thing until the small hours of the Sunday morning. Thankfully, we had bubbles, cucumber sandwiches, and wedding cake to keep us going.

In between, we've been here, there, and everywhere in the village van for outings, shopping, lunches, and afternoon teas. There's never a dull moment!

Audrey Reddington, Rosewood Resident



Residents at a walking outing to Ngā Mana Nui Reserve



Hurricanes supporters Colleen, Dale and Barbara

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