

## Final Four Villas - Looking Fabulous!

Bell Vista Village is edging closer to completion as the final four villas take shape. Over the years I have shared in the satisfaction of watching the development unfold from bare land to modern homes with beautifully landscaped grounds and gardens. The last four villas have been especially satisfying to watch. I know the residents of Bell Vista share my excitement for the much anticipated completion. Of course, with new villas there comes my most favourite part of being Village Manager - welcoming new residents to their new homes – Michelle



Village Manager Michelle Stewart

## Cracker Christmas Parade!



Hundreds of people lined the streets of Bell Block for the annual Christmas Parade. Residents of Bell Vista were keen participants, filling the village van and scooting behind with suitably decorated scooters. Special thanks must go to Ted, Yvonne, Graeme, Cherry and Craig for turning a humble trailer into a stunning sleigh full of presents – it was a cracker of a float!

## Rotterdam Trio



Something about MiLife Bell Vista is attracting folk from Rotterdam. John says "When I moved into this village one year ago, I was pleasantly surprised to find a fellow countryman (Clarry) from the same city I used to live, Rotterdam. However, last week another resident arrived (Christien), also from Rotterdam. After becoming acquainted it appeared that we both lived in the same street." What are the chances of that?



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"We have been at MiLife Bell Vista for four months and it has been home to us from day one. Moving in was such a breeze and everyone has been so friendly. We love the proximity to everything here in Bell Block – the walkway, the beach, Parklands Shops, bus stops. There are plenty of activities happening each week to participate in if we wish to. We never hesitate to recommend MiLife to our friends and families, we are so pleased we chose MiLife for our retirement." – Lois and Steve



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## Bell Vista's Residents Committee

We are so very fortunate to have a proactive Residents Committee at Bell Vista. Pictured are the Committee members for 2016 and 2017 after the AGM. The Committee meet on a monthly basis



to provide residents the opportunity to discuss and review their needs and ideas, and action initiatives when appropriate. They ensure that the collective voice of residents is presented to management and the Directors. Just as important, they have a lot of fun organising social activities and events for the residents including meals, guest speakers and various outings throughout the year. Del was presented with flowers at the AGM for her three years of service as Chairperson of the Committee. We all agreed they will be difficult shoes to fill, but like she said, she's not going anywhere so we look forward to having her around as an advisory for the new Committee. It also happened to be her birthday on the day of the AGM so a big Happy Birthday was sung by all in attendance.

## Melbourne Cup Fun at Bell Vista



Everyone loves a Melbourne Cup Day knees-up and residents of Bell Vista are no exception. Making good use of the Community Centre and large screen TV, they celebrated in style. Partying continued into the evening and special awards went to Thea and Graeme for best hat.

Linda and Sue end our stand at "Age on the go Expo"



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ROSEWOOD park

## Age on the Go Expo

"Age on the Go Expo" was a fantastic event held in Levin with over 60 exhibitors this year. The stalls provided great information and products for the local community. A great networking event for our many community groups.

Winner of the Age on the Go Expo gift basket Mariana Wallace



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ROSEWOOD PARK

## Greetings from MiLife Rosewood Park

It's hard to believe that I'm writing another Xmas newsletter already. My first year at the village has just flown by so fast and what a fantastic year it's been. We have welcomed many delightful

"What a great choice I made to move to Rosewood Park.  
It's great to enjoy the company of other residents"



new residents to the village who are enjoying their new homes and lifestyle here. Over the last year the residents have enjoyed some great speakers, dinners, entertainment, outings, events and regular activities. We are so fortunate to have residents in our village with many talents and time to run some of our regular activities. This year we formed a new scrabble group meeting every Wednesday. The Housie group meets every Tuesday and has been fantastic for the residents and many guests that attend



each week. Our exercise group has grown in numbers throughout the year with many guests attending from outside the village as well. It's been great to see the numbers of men coming now and hearing the feedback from the residents of the benefits of this activity. In January, we entered a business house bowls team from the village, for those of us that had never played before the

coaching from the residents that had played before, and the team spirit was fantastic and we all improved greatly by the end of the competition. We were so thrilled to have come 3rd in the competition out of 32 teams. Go Rosewood. We had so much fun we have entered a team again for this season.

We have had a big focus this year on future proofing our villas to provide tasteful, modern features and a new look to the interiors. The grounds are looking fantastic and we are expecting some beautiful blooms from the roses this summer with the extra TLC that they got this year from our specialist pruning and fertilising.



Our biggest project saw the removal of two houses from our site next door in preparation for the new development. The big house was formally Martino's restaurant, where many weddings and celebrations were held, it has now been relocated in Levin.

It's very exciting to finally see the next stage of the development underway. The plans look fantastic and we hope to see the first villas started early next year.

It's been a busy and eventful year and I consider myself extremely lucky to work with such supportive directors and the MiLife team who always have the residents best interest at heart. I look forward to the next stage of this exciting new development at Rosewood Park and wish you all a Merry Xmas and Good Health to you all for 2017. Regards Linda

Village Manager Linda Cliff



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# Keeping up with MiLife Kelvin Grove

Village Manager Sue Blewitt



Exciting times ahead as we watch the new villas grow from the ground up, with plans available for people to see our designs and understand our village model. The introduction of different events and guest speakers keeps the residents informed and proactive. It's just one of the many advantages of living in a lifestyle village. All three villages passed our accreditation audits early in the year, this reflection is thanks to our fantastic directors and their approach towards the village residents and managers along with the back office team. The MiLife brand is growing in strength and we are delivering a quality product. Sue.



## A few of our village Outings

### > THE MEN'S DAY OUT

The Men's Day Out tours have become very popular, the many outings to interesting venues and the high standard of presentations during 2016 has certainly provided the men with knowledge of behind the scene operations. The café luncheon afterwards gives time for a debrief to catch up before heading home. The organising team have prepared the events for 2017 commencing in February.

### > RECYCLE CENTRE TOUR



MiLife were the lucky last group to attend the education department at the Awapuni Recycle Centre. Since 2007 44,000 people have visited the centre. Sadly, everything comes to an end and this is another of those stories.

Here we are standing in front of plastic bottles packed and ready to be shipped overseas to be re cycled into carpet and anything plastic.

### > TAKAPAU DAFFODILS

In September, we headed off to Takapau for the day to see the amazing show of daffodils with a few stops along the way for morning tea and lunch. A few lovely bunches of daffodils sat proudly on coffee tables for a few weeks!

### > CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR

Last year we came across a house in Kelvin Grove that was completely dressed up for Christmas, Joanne and Warren have recently sold this home, but for a temporary measure they have decorated their beach house, the theme is rustic and beachy, so we are looking forward to our visit and seeing their decorations this year.

### > BEACH DAY OUT

Our annual Fish and Chips at the beach is coming up fast as January is just around the corner. The sea breeze, fresh air and sunshine, make for a great day out along with the odd toe in the water.



### > MELBOURNE CUP

What better opportunity to dress up and get out our best hats than Melbourne Cup day. Mary and Len celebrated in style enjoying a fun afternoon in great company. Love the hat Mary!

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The Christmas tree is decorated, the ham is cooked, the Community Centre aglow with Christmas lights, it's now time to celebrate Christmas early at Kelvin Grove.

