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Dear Residents

We are half way through the year and, looking back, the Irene Farm Villages Team can say with confidence that the Irene Farm Villages are managed well in line with the targets set at the beginning of the year.

In this issue you will see a slightly different format to the magazine with less lifestyle coverage and more of an emphasis on estate specific matters in a quick read format. The strategy is to utilise the various available technologies, both print and electronic, to convey information to residents in



At van Niekerk



the most cost-effective way possible. Hence this article will also include the security review. The financial report and statement will still be published separately in *The Villager*.

The Garden Services Team is progressing well with its winter programme. The winter rain that we received at the end of May will assist with the growth of the new succulents that were planted. The first two parks of the six parks to be re-landscaped have been completed.

The Estate Management from time to time receive requests from residents to use the parks for the parking of visitors. In accordance with the Home Owners' Association ("HOA") Rules, the parking of any vehicles in the parks are not permitted. Hence it is recommended that whenever you expect more visitors than would normally be able to park on your property, that you approach

your neighbours for additional parking, alternatively to park on the kerbside of the road. However, please ensure that your visitors do not park on your neighbours' property without making the necessary arrangements in advance.

During the first quarter of the year, the biometric access and CCTV camera systems were badly damaged by lightning. Claims were paid out by the HOA's insurer. In being proactive towards future lightning damage and possible questions to be raised by the insurer as to what steps were taken to prevent future lightning, the HOA Board investigated the current lightning protection system. Various lightning specialists were approached by the appointed HOA Sub-Committee.

It was clear that one will not be able to prevent any kind of direct lightning strike. However, there are means to prevent the so-called "induced lightning"

damage. It was on this specific aspect that the investigation was then focused with the aim to upgrade the existing lightning surge protection. Risk assessments were carried out by three earthing and lightning protection specialists. The Board considered the reports from the three specialists and appointed ANKER Lightning and Surge Protection CC to attend to the following:

- The installation of earth mats at each of the three (3) HOA buildings to bond the faraday cage system around the gate buildings.
- The electrical system and the electrical fence earthing systems to be bonded to the mentioned earth mats.
- All the fingerprint steel and turnstile structures to be bonded to the electrical earthing system.

The Board trusts that the installations will minimize future induced lightning damage.



The Estate post office building will be revamped after more than 12 years. Due to the sixteen (16) additional Irene Land Corporation ("ILC") stands being sold and the new owners thereof becoming members of the Irene Farm Villages HOA, provision had to be made for extra post boxes. Part of the revamping of the post office will include the following:

- The installation of twenty (20) new permanent post boxes;
- The maintenance and painting of the existing post boxes;
- The numerical renumbering of the post boxes from 1111 to 4752;
- Upgrading of the solar power system to provide better light in and at the post boxes.

Residents are encouraged to make use of the Estate postal system. The Estate Management collects post from the Pierre van Ryneveld Post Office twice a week, which is then sorted and distributed into the



individual post boxes, twice weekly. The annual rental cost per post box is R250. The use of the Estate postal system is cheaper and safer than the SA Postal System.

We received several enquiries of the front cover of *The Villager*, Issue 6, of 2018. The front cover is an artist impression of the planned new main gate entrance.



The Infra-Structure Development Plan ("IDP") is progressing with the revised site development plan, the dolomite risk management plan and the storm water and sewer site development plans, that were submitted to the City of Tshwane ("COT") during June. We now await the feedback from the COT. The scheduled building action plan will be shared with the residents once the building plans are approved by the COT.

The HOA Board has approved the construction of a cricket net by the owner of Stand 2185 in the Half Moon Park. A Notarial Deed will be registered

to provide for the maintenance of the cricket net by the mentioned owner of Stand 2185 or any subsequent owner(s) in perpetuum. The required sign will also be installed, whereby the HOA indemnifies itself against any claim that may arise from the use of the cricket net. The following rules will apply:

- The cricket net will be used at the own risk of the user of the facility;
- The facility may only be used for bona fide cricket purposes and for no other activity;
- Children under the age of 12 years, must be accompanied by an adult;
- The facility may be used from 09h00 to 18h00 from Monday to Saturday and on Sundays from 09h00 to 13h00;
- The facility may be used by the residents of the Irene Farm Villages



- and their bona fide visitors;
- The facility must be used in such a way that other residents or their visitors will have the opportunity to use the facility;
- The damage of the facility is prohibited;
- No music or any loud noise is allowed at or near the facility;
- No littering is allowed;
- If any of these rules are transgressed, the member of the transgressing party shall be held liable;
- Any transgression shall carry a penalty of R1 000;
- In addition to the penalty, the responsible/liable member of the transgressing party, shall be liable for the costs of any damage to the facility.
- The HOA has the right to close the facility temporarily or permanently, due to the misuse of the facility.

It is that time of the year that we approach all our residents to take part in the annual Khomani San outreach. This event is supported by the Irene Farm Villages Community Investment Committee ("CIC"). The annual outreach to the Khomani San in Andriesvale, Northern Cape, will take place in the first week of October 2018 (school holiday). We urge our residents to donate any clothing that you no longer use, especially smaller sizes (28-32), children's clothing and soft toys to this worthy cause. Approximately 720 community members benefit from these donations. Residents can contribute by placing clothing and toys in the green bins at the gates. Bins will be at the gates until the end of August and will be emptied regularly. Should you wish to join the outreach during the school holidays in October 2018, please contact Marthinus at 084 555 2489 or Gail at 083 651 1957 for more information.



Residents are reminded of the weekly recycling on Thursdays,

Recycling!
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which is carried out by the Remade Recycling company. Remade Recycling has been collecting the recyclables from our estate weekly since 2013 totalling 383,131 tons of recyclable material. We want to thank our residents for participating and the support in this very important community programme. We urge those residents, who are not participating in the weekly recycling, to get your green bags from the office and start recycling. It is great fun and helps to sustain our environment.

If we talk about security, it includes the two main functionalities, namely the guarding division and the maintenance division, which is governed by the Home Owners' Association ("HOA") rules and service level agreements with the suppliers. The HOA's Security Sub-Committee directs the execution of all the services rendered regarding the security with Willem Richter, the Assistant Estate Manager, managing this task daily. Willem is responsible to submit a monthly security report to the Board for the Board's consideration, with the following security matters of importance, to be shared with the residents:

- There was no security breach during May 2018;
- On 21/5/2018 at about 02h00 the CCTV cameras picked up two suspects, who were inspecting the electric fence on the outside of

the Southern perimeter. Security responded immediately, but the suspects managed to flee from the scene. It was once again proof that the CCTV camera system is a necessity in defending the onslaught of criminal activities that are frequent in the areas around our estate.

- The statistics that were released by the Community Policy Forum for the Lyttleton Sector 3, disclosed inter alia five armed robberies, ten burglaries and two motor vehicle thefts for April 2018, which clearly indicates that there is a high presence of criminal activities in Pierre van Ryneveld and the surrounding areas. It is important always to be on the alert.
- Thirty-eight (38) garage doors were found open late at night during April by the security. The danger of an open garage door is the fact, that access to the rest of the dwelling is made possible. Especially if one can assume, that the door leading from the garage into the house, is seldom locked. This is not just another statistic. It is a matter, which the residents must take seriously.
- The training of the security personnel in the standard operational procedures, soft-skills and the Shift Managers in managerial procedures, is ongoing and should be completed during June 2018.
- The Security Sub-Committee has requested Bidvest Protea Coin to assist with basic fire-fight training, which will include some of the security personnel, the Estate Management and residents, who are interested. The

training is scheduled for July 2018. Residents will be informed of the date and venue.

At the last HOA Board meeting, the Board inter alia considered the following matters:

- The upgrading of the access control system, which includes the biometric readers, the facial and number plate cameras, the management information system ("MIS"), the boom gates and spikes, with the introduction of scanners to scan licences, identification documents and vehicle registration licences. This upgrade will form part of the planned Infra-Structure Development Plan ("IDP"). This project will be finance through a three (3) year rental agreement.
- The upgrading of the solar power system at the estate post office with bigger capacity solar panels and batteries. This upgrade will form part of the upgrading of the post boxes mentioned above.
- The service level agreements (guarding and maintenance) between the HOA and Bidvest Protea Coin come up for renewal after the expiry of the current three (3) year contract term. The Board approved the renewal of both the contracts for a further three (3) years and five (5) months at an agreed fixed annual percentage (%) increase. The contracts will run from 1/10/2018 to 28/2/2022.
- The Annual General Meeting ("AGM") will take place on 30/8/2018 with the notice to be send to all the members on 7/8/2018.

For those of you who will be going away for the winter holidays, we wish you a warm and joyful time. Do not forget to share your moments with us on our Facebook at www.irenefarmvillages.co.za.

Regards from the
Irene Farm Villages Team

An unknown person once said,

"Worrying is like a rocking chair, it gives you something to do, but it doesn't get you anywhere."



IRENE FARM VILLAGES HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Summary Income Statement – May 2018

| | May 2018 | | Year to Date | | YTD Variance | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | Value | % |
| Operational Income | | | | | | |
| Levy Income | 1 031 801 | 1 031 800 | 3 095 403 | 3 095 400 | 3 | 0,0% |
| Other Income | 35 999 | 36 000 | 281 609 | 267 130 | 14 479 | 5,4% |
| | 1 067 800 | 1 067 800 | 3 377 013 | 3 362 530 | 14 483 | 0,4% |
| Operational Expenditure | | | | | | |
| Professional /Administration | 135 555 | 61 704 | 243 112 | 182 502 | (60 610) | -33,2% |
| Accounting and Auditing | 37 403 | 39 469 | 111 885 | 116 016 | 4 131 | 3,6% |
| Insurance, Legal and Admin | 98 152 | 22 235 | 131 228 | 66 486 | (64 742) | -97,4% |
| General Office | 9 371 | 13 748 | 22 533 | 41 110 | 18 577 | 45,2% |
| Office Administration | 9 371 | 13 748 | 22 533 | 41 110 | 18 577 | 45,2% |
| Operational Expenses | 196 021 | 194 203 | 587 975 | 582 271 | (5 704) | -1,0% |
| Municipal Charges | 38 402 | 36 346 | 111 789 | 108 799 | (2 990) | -2,7% |
| General Operations | 9 647 | 15 053 | 39 840 | 45 060 | 5 220 | 11,6% |
| Salaries & Wages | 147 972 | 142 804 | 436 347 | 428 412 | (7 935) | -1,9% |
| Security | 447 483 | 461 702 | 1 312 641 | 1 380 788 | 68 147 | 4,9% |
| Security Operations | 49 554 | 59 606 | 126 554 | 178 145 | 51 591 | 29,0% |
| CCTV Equipment Rental | 27 428 | 34 000 | 83 485 | 102 000 | 18 515 | 18,2% |
| Guarding Services | 370 501 | 368 096 | 1 102 602 | 1 100 643 | (1 959) | -0,2% |
| Repairs & Maintenance | 157 061 | 173 893 | 527 774 | 500 097 | (27 677) | -5,5% |
| Repairs & Maintenance | 34 635 | 51 318 | 161 560 | 133 586 | (27 974) | -20,9% |
| Park Maintenance Contract | 122 426 | 122 575 | 366 215 | 366 511 | 296 | 0,1% |
| | 945 492 | 905 250 | 2 694 035 | 2 686 768 | (7 267) | -0,3% |
| Operating Profit / (Loss) | 122 308 | 162 550 | 682 977 | 675 762 | | |
| Non-Recurring Revenue | 5 315 | 0 | 13 009 | 0 | 13 009 | 100,0% |
| Non-Recurring Expenses | 66 533 | 87 000 | 66 533 | 211 000 | 144 467 | 68,5% |
| Net Positive/ (Negative) | (61 218) | (87 000) | (53 524) | (211 000) | (131 459) | |
| Net Profit / (Loss) | 61 090 | 75 550 | 629 453 | 464 762 | | |

Irene Farm Village Home Owners Association - Project Income & Other

| | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | Value | % |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|
| Revenue | | | | | | |
| Special Levies | 202 418 | 202 731 | 613 833 | 608 193 | 5 640 | 0,9% |
| CSOS Levies | 14 094 | 14 096 | 41 490 | 42 288 | (798) | -1,9% |

IRENE FARM VILLAGES HOME OWNER ASSOCIATION

Summary Levy Statements – February 2018

| | 120+ Days | 90 Days | 60 Days | 30 Days | Current | Total | | Previous Month |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Members paying via EFT | - | 181 | 2 702 | 65 111 | -99 936 | -31 942 | | -45 709 |
| Members paying via DO | - | - | - | - | -3 925 | -3 925 | | -4 176 |
| | - | 181 | 2 702 | 65 111 | -103 860 | -35 867 | | -49 885 |
| Debt Collection - AA (30/60 days) | 12 958 | 6 993 | 16 712 | 19 216 | 20 372 | 76 251 | 6% | 50 347 |
| Debt Collection - JJR (90+ days) | 36 020 | 2 918 | 3 060 | 2 951 | 2 584 | 47 532 | 4% | 152 762 |
| Debt Collection - L&B (90+ days) | 59 534 | 29 011 | 20 505 | 21 078 | 21 979 | 152 107 | 13% | 202 574 |
| Debt Collection - Accounts > R200,000 | 813 634 | 12 203 | 12 982 | 15 527 | 8 261 | 862 606 | 73% | 849 979 |
| HOA Contact | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sold - Previous Owner Accounts | - | - | - | - | -2 522 | -2 522 | | -2 541 |
| In Transfer | 60 368 | 3 280 | 3 495 | 3 510 | -4 383 | 66 272 | | 76 986 |
| Estate Agent | - | - | - | - | 7 968 | 7 968 | | 7 899 |
| Other | - | - | - | - | - | - | | -7 190 |
| | 982 513 | 54 585 | 59 456 | 127 394 | -49 601 | 1 174 347 | -8,3% | 1 280 931 |

Of the 654 member accounts 67 accounts are overdue (reducing from 80 the previous month). 13 have been handed over to the HOA's Attorneys for collection. In May two of the handed over accounts were settled, and no new accounts were handed over. i.e. all other accounts are less than 90 days overdue. This month 6 members are 60 days and more overdue and their biometric access will be removed. The new processes implemented by the Board is really producing the required results.

Irene Farm Village Home Owners Association - Capital/ Development Projects

| | Current stage | Current Status | Approved Budget | Actual Spend To Date | Available Budget |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Infrastructure Development | Planning | | 10 507 910 | 647 872 | 9 860 038 |
| Power Solution Project | Completed | | 2 010 879 | 2 010 879 | - |
| CCTV Project | Completed | | 697 451 | 697 451 | - |
| Land Purchase Project | Complete | | 2 282 850 | 2 282 850 | - |
| Total | | | 15 499 090 | 5 639 052 | 9 860 038 |

"In my experience, in Africa there is space for innovation. And you don't have to look far, especially when you are at a disadvantage. Look around you. You might be experiencing a problem that is a need in the community."

– Sizwe Nzima, founder of Iyeza Express.

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Summary Income Statement by Account Ability

WEST COAST NATIONAL PARK ... JUST TESTING



The ancient Seeberg Lookout over the lagoon

At first it looked like the top of a Moorish desert settlement, its stucco finish glowing in the late afternoon sun. Its roof tops had, unexpectedly and incongruously, appeared above the low-lying Cape scrub.

This was our first glimpse of Duinepos, a huddle of a dozen square-cut “chalets” which was to be our accommodation for two nights inside the West Coast National Park, 120km north of Cape Town.

It's a strange park to us from the interior: no big trees and no elephants or rhino and no big predators. You can get out anywhere and walk about quite safely without being eaten by anything interesting.

There are some serious trails – from an hour in length to six hours (14km) linking the enormous Langebaan lagoon to the seriously wild, uninhabited coast where the frigid Benguela Current, coming up from the Antarctic, makes swimming impossible unless one is a sealion or penguin which sometimes crowd the beach like holiday makers.

Out at sea are whales and dolphins.

As for birds, one is never sure

what might turn up. The chance of surprises, especially from September when tens of thousands of migrants begin to arrive from the top half of the world, keeps one scanning not just the beach but the enormous expanse of the Langebaan Lagoon.

We were there in May. Not an ideal month. The early winter weather does things in the Cape that would not be tolerated inland. It can rain for hours – cold, wet stuff, not like the interior's short-sharp warm summer rains which at least know when to stop.

The weather was kind when we visited, but cold.

Noticing a pile of firewood in our small chalet I quickly lit a fire in the generously-sized hearth. Alas, no matter how much I pushed the fire back, we were smoked out and gave up. We asked next day for a more amenable chalet – one with a view. Ten of Duinepos' 11 huts were unoccupied and the one we were moved to was excellent and we wondered why we'd been allocated an inferior chalet in the first place. So when booking asked for a chalet with a view.

We were in the Cape for the Franschhoek Literary Festival and

decided to delay our return to the Highveld so we could check out the West Coast reserve for we plan to return there in spring when the migrants arrive – a seasonal wildlife phenomenon that attracts birders from across the world.

There's an added attraction in spring: an area adjacent to the park's north-west perimeter the Posberg Flower Reserve – puts on a spectacular show similar to the annual spectacle of the Namaqualand daisies. August is when the ground-hugging succulents of Posberg erupt in great splashes of vivid colour, each of the millions of flowers eager to attract pollinators before the sun withers them – a competitive frenzy of shimmering colours.

The general impression of the West Coast Park is of a 32 000ha rolling fynbos-covered landscape in the centre of which is the huge Langebaan Lagoon. There are frequent sightings of the world's largest antelope, the eland and the largest bird, the ostrich. More difficult to spot are the Cape mountain zebras, gemsbok and kudu and, of course, the smaller mammals such as the bontebok, springbok, steenbok, red hartebeest, duiker,



Flamingos – the ballerinas of Langebaan Lagoon

caracal, African wild cat and bat eared foxes. In summer tortoises seem to pour from the earth.

There are large areas of marshy wetlands which, even though it was winter, we still saw a nice variety of waders: whimbrels, grey plovers, chestnut-banded plovers, oyster catchers... plus a host of ducks: shelducks, black ducks, yellow-billed ducks (hundreds upon hundreds of yellow bills) and Cape shovelers. Scattered in groups across the water were greater flamingos, honking like geese and high-stepping like ballerinas.

The potential in summer is 250 species of birds one of them being the curlew sandpiper which flies in from its breeding ground 15 000km away in Siberia.

The park was established in 1985 to conserve the Langebaan Lagoon which was listed as a protected marine ecosystem almost half-a-century ago. The park, including the islands in Saldanha Bay is now a Ramsar site and, therefore the whole is protected by international agreement.

For us a major highlight was a dawn visit to Abrahamskraal Waterhole – 10 minutes from Duinespos in the middle of a moorland. Here, in the half light, we were greeted at the start of the boardwalk by a magnificent specimen of black korhaan. We entered the hide and raised the shutter to find maybe 50 spoonbills peacefully at rest – except for two that endlessly played with a torn-off

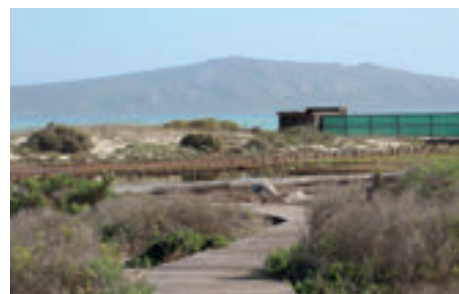
length of reed – and I mean played. They remained absorbed with it long after the rest of flock flew off.

The best of the park's four excellent hides was, in our view, the Seeberg hide at the north-eastern end of the lagoon. One approaches it along winding, kilometre-long boardwalk across the salt marsh. From it we watched 20 or 30 species of gulls, terns, waders, ducks and flamingos. The birds are pushed towards the park's three hides as the water level rise with the tides. When it gets too deep they fly off only to return as soon as the tide recedes and they can feed in the shallow water again.

The reserve's Cape Dutch restaurant called the Geelbek (after the yellow bill duck) is a handsome piece of heritage. It was built on the lagoon in 1744 when lions and elephants roamed the area. It's known for its traditional fare – fresh ingredients often from the local veld go into its bobotie, Cape Malay chicken curry and lamb curry, denningsvleis (an old slave recipe) and ostrich burgers, snoektart, and dishes involving local mussels, hake and calamari – and there's pumpkin pie and cheese cake...

Geelbek is a popular wedding venue with vows being said in Churchhaven's old church on the beach across the lagoon.

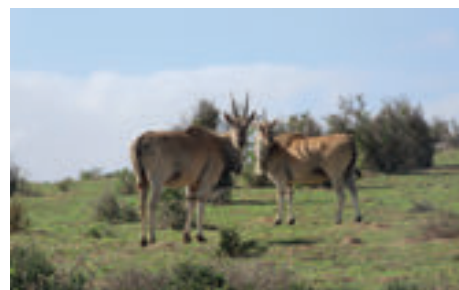
One can hire kyaks and, for the bike trails, bicycles. There are a few isolated self-catering cottages and attractive beaches for picnicking.



Board walk to Seeberg hide



Misty dawn at Abrahamskraal cottage



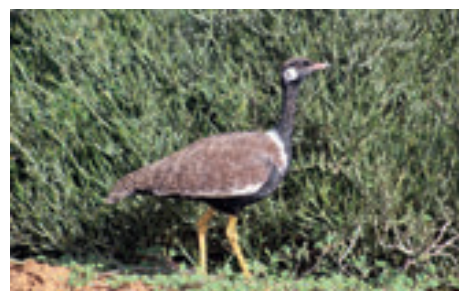
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Duinespos – like a Moorish settlement



Bay with houseboats



Southern black-bellied korhaan

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3. **Don't rush it** — Ensure that you complete a sufficient number of lessons and can successfully complete all the manoeuvres before you even book your test date.
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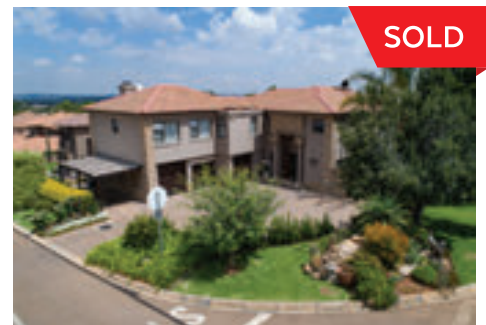
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