

# The CROYDON GRAPEVINE

January 2017

## Out with the old and in with the new ...

It's hard to believe that a twelfth of 2017 is already behind us. 2016 ended with the Bucket of Love staff party, kids enjoying the motorised arrival of Santa with lots of pressies and, finally, a braai and party at the pool to say goodbye to the old year and welcome 2017.

Your trustees have hit the ground running in 2017 and the information session on 28<sup>th</sup> January was lively and well attended. Among the topics discussed were the future status of Wine Co, the long term plans for landscaping the estate and the introduction of faster broadband through Vodacom.

All these topics will be addressed at the Special General Meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> March and Annual General Meeting, 20<sup>th</sup> May.

In the past meetings have had to be postponed due to the lack of a quorum which is particularly irritating for those who have set aside the time to attend. If you cannot attend the meetings which determine the future of the estate you live on **please** give your proxy to somebody you know will be at the meeting. We understand that many of you have other commitments and the meetings obviously cannot be held at a time to suit everybody but it is essential to reach a quorum in terms of the CroYdon Vineyard Constitution.

Your trustees look forward to working with all of you this year.

## CroYdon Wine

The Sauvignon Blanc was launched on January 20<sup>th</sup> and is stunning value at R45 a bottle. With an unmistakable Sauvignon Blanc nose and flavour it is an ideal wine to pair with dishes like Norwegian Salmon or porcini mushroom risotto. This May sees the launch of new CroYdon vintages and word from the cellar is that there are some delightful red wine surprises in store.



Wessel du Toit: "Excellent combo. Congrats Rikus and Luigi on a mooi wyn, a steal @ the price!"



## Staff Bucket of Love

You were awesome, 18 Home Owners managed to collect R8400 for the Estate Staff year end Bucket of Love and Gift Vouchers. Special thanks to your generous contribution and maybe the other 170 odd households would like to consider contributing to Christmas 2017.

## Who let the dogs out?

It's great to live on an estate that allows animals but there have to be rules. When not on your property dogs must be walked on a leash. This prevents them from attacking other dogs, chomping the water birds, savaging young children and running in front of cars.....all things that would make communal living a much less pleasant experience.



## New, vastly improved play area.

Judging by all the happy faces Rob Watson has done a stunning job leading the project to upgrade the kids play area. The good news is that it's not finished yet and the big kid's swings are still to come. Rob was aided and abetted by Johan and Valerie de Waal, Cindy Herbst. Leo and Elizabeth Bender and Geoff and Debbie Els.



## CroYdon Christmas by Candlelight ...

The first CroYdon Children's Club enjoyed their first Carols by Candlelight on December 2<sup>nd</sup> last year. It was intended to be a very informal, "pop in and join the fun event" with families getting together as part of the CroYdon community.

The children did a fabulous job of decorating the Christmas trees in the clubhouse, and the decorated trees remained for the entire festive season bringing some light and love for everyone to enjoy!

The cry of excitement from the children when Santa's helper's (Wilma Bruynsteen) RED car arrived with a very credible Santa (James Norton) was something special.

The evening ended on yet another highlight with the Helderberg Brass Band coming to play Christmas Carols and marching the streets!

A wonderful evening that was enjoyed by all! Special thanks to the enthusiastic organisers Sanja van Wyk and Cindy Herbst.



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