

# SUNDAY PROPERTY

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**LIFESTYLE** Artist's impression of Amec's retirement village in Muizenberg. It is the first of a series planned for Cape Town, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and the Eastern Cape

## False Bay retirement venture

To meet the demand for high-quality retirement living in South Africa, Amec Property Development has launched Evergreen Retirement Lifestyle Village in Muizenberg.

Some of the waiting lists at the more popular retirement villages can be as long as 20 years, says Amec chairman, John Wilson, who is himself at retirement age.

"There is a definite need for apartment villages providing the full spectrum of active lifestyle facilities, lock-up and-go security, and a range of healthcare services with the option of assisted living," says Wilson.

Evergreen Muizenberg offers buyers financial security, physical security and comprehensive health care services, with stylish accommodation, state-of-the-art facilities and a variety of recreation options.

Set amid garden walkways on a 2.7ha site, Evergreen Muizenberg will consist of 63

single-storey two- and three-bedroom houses with single garages, and 136 apartments providing different levels of care. Prices for apartments start at R700 000 and the houses are priced from R1 775 million.

Wilson says because of longer lifespans, the retirement village you select may well be your home for the next 30 years or more, and within that time there could be many changes in your lifestyle.

With this in mind, Amec has created South Africa's first national community of retirement villages. The Evergreen Retirement Lifestyle Village in Muizenberg is the first of a series of developments planned for Cape Town, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and the Eastern Cape. Houses and apartments are offered on a life-right basis.

"Experience worldwide indicates that many people prefer to remain close to their social circles and support networks, including family,

friends, doctors and shopping centres, when retiring," says Wilson. "With the growing popularity of Cape Town's southern suburbs, Amec targeted Muizenberg as an ideal location to link retired people to their families, communities and everyday facilities.

"Evergreen Muizenberg is designed to create a balance between privacy and community, independence and assistance, technology and the natural environment," says Amec sales manager Jayne Hendry.

Home comforts include housekeeping, a laundry and cleaning service, maintenance, gardening, pool and transport for outings. For lively social interaction, the heart of the estate will provide a variety of facilities and activities, clubs and interaction. Facilities will include a library, a gym, practice bowling lanes, putting greens, croquet facilities, common dining areas, outdoor braai entertainment areas, landscaped gardens with

meandering walkways will lead from gazebos to outdoor activity areas.

A full spectrum of health care will be provided from preventive care and low care, to mid care and frail care. In addition, 24-hour nursing is on hand with emergency assistance buttons in all homes and a clinic and treatment room on the premises for visiting doctors, physiotherapists, and occupational therapists.

Cape Peninsula Organisation for the Aged (CPOA) is the healthcare provider in Evergreen Muizenberg. CPOA manages 22 retirement villages and has 50 years of experience in providing residents with the highest standard of care and nursing, says Hendry.

Security features include electric fencing and CCTV cameras, controlled access and 24-hour patrols.

Evergreen Villages are stylish environments where all residents can live actively and independently for as long as

possible, enjoying the best quality of life throughout their retirement years. Amec is committed to providing retirement lifestyles, facilities and services that enable retired people to live the life they want," says Wilson.

Evergreen Muizenberg is designed, developed and owned by Amec, which has invested R185 million in the development of this estate. Amec has a property portfolio valued at over R4.5 billion and is joint owner of Medros Arch in Johannesburg's northern suburbs.

The company's other developments include Bloedale Lifestyle Centre, The Paddock in Constantia, Normandy Village in Plumstead, Fisherman's Village in Muizenberg, Red Apple Lane in Constantia and The Summit in Hligvale.

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