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# Newsletter

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## From the General Manager's Desk

It has been a sad time with the passing of three 'icons' recently. The death of Her Majesty the Queen is certainly a significant moment in time. She is the only monarch I have known, so it was more than just another famous person dying. We all have our moments, but I think most would agree that she will be remembered as a great woman in history.

Closer to home was the passing of Judith Durham, a wonderful Australian and a great entertainer. It surprised me a little, when I heard the news as it had quite an effect on me. I realised that The Seekers are one of the most important groups in my childhood; their wonderful songs, Judith's beautiful vocals and the boys harmonies. They were one of the biggest influences on my early love of music. Vale Judith.

And then losing Olivia Newton John so soon after Judith; another great Australian, who was an influential singer and used her fame to help people in need of medical support. We will miss her.

## Annual Residents Meeting – All Villages

The Residents Annual Meeting will be held at James Martin Village Community Hall, 19 Dawkins Avenue, Willaston on Wed 26<sup>th</sup> October commencing at 10.30am. The hall has had some refurbishments completed, including new chairs, for the meeting. As well as the normal items on the agenda, we will be also making a special announcement.

All residents will shortly receive the audited village statements for 2021-22; which will be discussed at the meeting

The statements are provided in a consolidated version covering All Villages. We remind you that if you have a question to ask at the annual meeting, please provide them in writing to the office seven days prior to the meeting. Plus, you are welcome to contact me at the office if you have any queries.

## **Services Fee Increases:**

It has been quite a difficult budget to navigate this year. We had many changes from our initial draft in April to the final version in August. We saw significant changes in the council rates, wage increases, insurance and more. However, The Board has been able to keep the services fees to under half the CPI rate at the end of June 2022, which was reported at 6.1%. The approved increases for this year are between 2.5% and 2.8%.

The new fees & dates of payments will be confirmed with the Annual Report mailout.

## Town of Gawler Council Elections

A reminder to all residents regarding the Town of Gawler Council Elections. All residents in Gawler Council area, that are on the electoral roll, are eligible to vote.

Voting is done by postal ballots; these are to be distributed between the 14<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October. If you don't receive a ballot pack by the 20<sup>th</sup> October, contact the Electoral Commission SA on 1300 655 232.

Once you have received your ballots they are to be returned by post. They must be posted in time to arrive before 5pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Your package should include a reply paid envelope to return them in.

There will be a ballot for Mayor & for Area Councillors. It is not compulsory to vote in the council elections, but everyone is encouraged to do so.

Check out the council website or the Bunyip for details on the Candidates.

# Gawler



## 2022 Social & Information Events

Confirming the dates for the rest of 2022:

### **Wed. October 26th: Annual Residents Meeting**

Annual Residents Meeting Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October, commencing at 10.30am. To be held at the James Martin Community Hall. All residents will receive details with the Annual Residents Reports sent out in October.

### **Wed. November 30th: GCRH Christmas Party**

The Annual Residents Christmas Party date is booked for Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. To be held in the Hewett Centre; it will commence at 10.30am. We have booked a surprise act for the function and are looking forward in anticipation.

We will send an invitation to everyone soon, with full details for the day.

### **Christmas Hamper Draw:**

One item we will be pleased to include at the Christmas Party will be the Christmas Hamper draw. We have missed being able to complete the draw at the party! Karen did a great job of putting together the hampers in her first year (no pressure!). All residents will be included in the draw and we will advise the winners directly and announce them in the December newsletter and on Facebook.

## 2023 Social & Information Events

We are currently working on dates for 2023 events and we will have more information in the next few months. We do have one on the drawing board already.

**Gawler Greyhounds Luncheon:** The previous time that we held this, it was the last social event prior to the Covid restrictions!

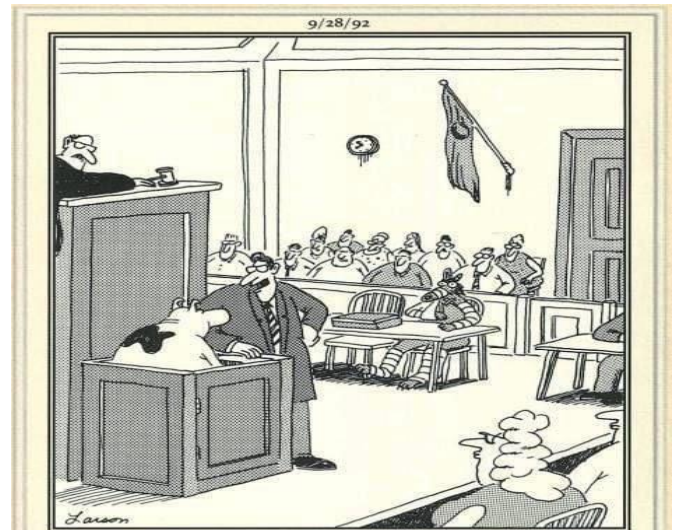
We have booked this date for Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup>. At this stage we are just waiting for the race dates to be confirmed. We have spoken to the club about a similar arrangement to the previous event; with a luncheon provided and some betting vouchers (and hopefully some tips). We are still to finalise the pricing and will confirm details soon.

Other social events under consideration include a Gawler Cinemas screening, possible bowling club morning, plus information sessions. We are also looking at the possibility of arranging a small group outing to the Art Gallery.

For the cinemas, we are waiting on the release of dates and suitable movies for 2023.

\* If anyone has any suggestions for future social activities, please contact the Admin Office. We are always on the lookout for interesting ideas.

## The Way of the World!



“So, Mr. Pig—you built that fire *after* you heard my client coming down your chimney? ... Did you know my client is an endangered species, Mr. Pig, while you yourself are nothing more than a walking side of ham?”

## James Martin Village Units Finished!

It is pleasing to report that our first two units have now been completed. The new residents moved in during September (see new residents).

Below are some photos of the finished product.

We look forward to beginning the remaining units already planned for the village.



## From the Board Table

The Board has met a couple of times since the last newsletter; following is a summary of some of the agenda items:

### **Welfare Health & Safety –**

- Covid – 19 Update.
- Resident/Staff Incident Reports

### **Marketing Committee –**

- Gawler Show debrief.
- Social events calendar
- Residents survey – in November.

### **James Martin Units & Aged Care Facility –**

- Planning for remaining Lot 5 units.
- Building accreditation for Lot 2 Apartments.
- Work on Community Hall upgrade.
- Seeking funding for development.

### **Property Committee –**

- James Martin Car Parking
- Admin phone system upgrade.

### **Finance Committee –**

- Capital Maintenance Fund – 2022-23 estimates.
- Final Budgeted Approved.
- 2021-22 Audit completed, including report to Board from Auditor.
- Financial & Village Statements Approved.

### **Other items –**

- Chairperson's Annual Report to Residents.
- Resident Risk Review Report.
- Board review process.

## Residents Survey

As part of our strategic planning the Board undertakes a residents survey every few years. Normally it would have been done last year, but it was delayed due to the Covid restrictions.

We are now ready to proceed with the survey and will be sending invitations for all residents to participate.

We will again have the survey administered independent of the Board & Administration, to allow for transparency. David Weatherley of DW Workplace Consulting will conduct it for us.

It is planned to be run in the November/December period. It will be of a similar format to the previous version, this allows us to see a comparison to previous surveys.

All residents will be given the opportunity to take part (if they wish). We will send you a letter with details of how you can complete it and return. There will be an opportunity to complete it on-line or you will be able to complete a hard copy. We will have more information at the Annual Residents Meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Village Inspections – Governor Gawler Village

Confirming that we will visit Governor Gawler Village next month and undertake the inspections of all units. We will write to all residents of Governor Gawler over the next few weeks confirming times and dates. We expect to complete them over two or three weeks.

If you are not going to be home on the days that we visit, do not worry, as we will follow-up the next time or contact you and make an appointment.

The next village after that will be James Martin Village, which is slotted in for mid-2023. Items identified for replacement are included in future Capital Maintenance Fund budgets.

## Good Use of His Materials!



## Current Villages Vacancies

I did write something similar earlier in the year, but at the time of writing we have no current vacancies. I would note that we have five units currently without residents, but all have deposits on them, which are expected to result in sales.

If you would like to check on any upcoming vacancies, contact the Administration Office. Residents receive a bonus for providing referrals that lead to a 'sale'.

## New Residents

We would like to welcome the following new residents to Gawler Community Retirement Homes:

- Dennis Bolland moved into Unit 1, Elimatta Village, 1 Fotheringham in August.
- Brenda Morris moved into Unit 33, Elimatta Village, 30 Tod in September.
- Barbara & Dave Richardson moved into Unit 25, James Martin Village in September.
- Kaye Talbot moved into Unit 26, James Martin Village in September.

The following units are vacant, but have prospective new residents who have paid a deposit:

- Unit 12, James Martin Village.
- Unit 27, Elimatta Village.
- Unit 28, Elimatta Village.
- Unit 10, Governor Daly Village.
- Unit 19, Governor Daly Village.

Units under deposit can still be viewed by prospective residents.

### GCRH Administration Office Hours

Our normal office hours are:

**Monday to Thursdays** – 9.00am to 4.30pm

**Fridays** – office attended most Fridays, but please make an appointment prior to attending office.

**For urgent** action when the office is unattended, contact Brenton or Stephen on mob no. 0411 795 585.

### Water Use for Summer

It is that time of the year again and I would like to remind all residents regarding water use during the summer period. This is in particular with regard to garden watering; staff ensure that watering of the gardens & lawns is maintained.

However, many residents water the rear courtyards (inc pots) and some water the front gardens. We are not saying you can't water, but all residents should follow SA Water smart watering practices. If you are unsure of these guidelines, the office can provide you with the information.

It is important that we don't overwater as this is a waste and costs all villages additional water rates.

### Don't Make Them Like That Anymore!

Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In was an American sketch comedy television program that ran for 140 episodes from January 1968 to March 1973. It was also shown in Australia. Hosted by comedians Dan Rowan and Dick Martin, it gave some well-known comedians their start in both TV & films..

It originally aired as a one-time special in 1967 and was such a success that it was brought back as a series. It quickly became the most popular television show in the United States.

The title of the show was a play on the 60s hippie "love-ins" or the counterculture "be-ins", terms that were derived from "sit-ins", common in protests and demonstrations of the time. In 2002, Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In was ranked number 42 on TV Guide's 50 Greatest TV Shows of All Time.

Laugh-In had its roots in the humour of vaudeville and burlesque, but its most direct influences were Olsen and Johnson's comedies (such as the free-form Broadway revue Hellzapoppin'), the innovative television works of Ernie Kovacs, and the topical satire of That Was The Week That Was.

The show was characterized by a rapid-fire series of gags and sketches. The co-hosts continued the exasperated straight man (Rowan) and "dumb guy" (Martin) act which they had established as nightclub comics.

The show featured Gary Owens as the on-screen announcer and permanent cast member Ruth Buzzi; longer-tenured cast members included Judy Carne, Henry Gibson, Goldie Hawn, Arte Johnson (very interesting, but stupid!), Jo Anne Worley, Alan Sues, Lily Tomlin, Johnny Brown, Dennis Allen and Richard Dawson (from Hogans Heroes).

Dan Rowan died in 1987, aged 65 years old. Dick Martin died in 2008, he was 86 years old.



### Golfers Will Understand!

## Devices used to find water

