



Newsletter

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From the General Manager's Desk

I am back and thank-you to all the well wishes. My operation was for bypass surgery, which went well and I am improving.

2020 has been a 'annus horribilis' (once used by the Queen), for me it will be easy to remember!

We have done well in South Australia compared to the rest of the world; and the hope is that we can enjoy Christmas safely. My daughter in Germany has just gone back into lockdown!

I would remind everyone to continue observing the restrictions where possible. Let us hope that a suitable vaccine will be in mass supply for all of us from March and onwards next year.

*** On behalf of the Board Members & Staff, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.**

Christmas/ New Year Arrangements

- The Administration Office will be closed from **12.00pm on Thursday the 24th December** and re-open on **Monday 4th January** at 9.00am.
- During these times, all maintenance requests should be made direct to Brenton or Steven on emergency number 0411 795 585.
- We would ask that any maintenance request be made only if urgent. If it is something that can wait until New Year, please wait until Monday the 4th Jan.
- **Rubbish Bins Collection (note change of days):**
 - ***Bins out on Thursday 24th December – Collection Saturday 26th December.***
Bins will be put out on the Thursday morning as normal but won't be emptied until Saturday.
 - ***Bins out Thursday 31st December – Collection Saturday 2nd January.***
Bins will be put out on the Thursday morning as normal but won't be emptied until Saturday.

Residents Away or Holiday Guests

A reminder about advising the office of when you are away or if you have guests staying. With the Christmas/New Year holidays, please let us know prior to the office closing at 12.00pm on Thursday 24th December.

Muriel's 100th Birthday

We had a very special birthday recently, when Muriel Barltrop from Elimatta Village celebrated her 100th Birthday. It was a pleasure to visit Muriel and deliver some flowers on behalf of everyone from GCRH.

It was also pleasing to see The Bunyip do a nice article on Muriel, including a lovely photo.

Muriel has been a resident with us for well over 20 years and is as sharp as ever. We hope she celebrates many more birthdays with us.

When we presented the flowers, I did have a smile to myself over her comment about her daughter taking her out for lunch. Her daughter lives in the Vines Retirement Village; that is a sign of a long life!



Residents Making Changes to Units

We **again** remind everyone that is considering any changes to your unit. It is a requirement, under your agreement, that you contact the office to advise us and get our approval. We are very reasonable about what we will approve; and it is good to have a note of any changes on your file.

Should you make a change that is not approved, it is possible that when vacating the unit, we may charge you for something not suitable for the unit.

It is essential that if you are using an outside contractor, and this includes any service providers, that they must report to or contact the admin office before carrying out work. **It is important that they receive our Contractor Induction Information; which includes signing the Asbestos Register.**

Retirement of Rita Argent

Our longest serving Board Member, Rita Argent advised the GCRH Board prior to the AGM in October that she would be retiring from the Board.

Rita first elected to the Board in 1984; Rita was born in Wasleys and has spent most of her life in or near the Gawler region. Her working life was spent in nursing and her work included nursing in Gawler, Royal Adelaide and Hamley Bridge; and the Queen Victoria Hospital. Rita also was part of training of nurses at Gawler in the Hutchinson Hospital. She was part of the establishment of Gawler Care and Share and was the first co-ordinator of that group.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions we have yet to make a presentation to Rita. But we will do so at a time when we can properly acknowledge her long dedication to the organisation.



Change Coming to Administration

Our popular Administration Assistant, Lyn Schnaars has advised that she will retire in the middle of 2021.

Lyn first started with the then Gawler & District Aged Cottage Homes in 2009, so she is in her 12th year. She has been responsible for much of the setting up of the current administration. This includes the move of the office to James Martin Village.

Lyn also provides a sympathetic outlook to all of the residents needs and requests; something that won't be easy to replace.

We will be advertising the position in late January, early February. We are planning to appoint someone to spend time training with Lyn, prior to her finishing.



Annual General Meeting – Changes to Board

The GCRH AGM was held on Oct.28th. As mentioned above Rita retired at the meeting. Naomi Reschke was appointed during the year to replace Bruce Eastick. As per the Association Rules she stood for election at the AGM. The election of office bearers resulted in the following make-up of the Board:

Chairperson: Helen Sands

Deputy Chairperson: Naomi Reschke

Board Members: Craig Gogoll, Chris George, Sam Harnett, Shane Hennessy, Tracey Patrick, Nick Pullman, Dr Malcolm Richards and Phil Zeunert.

From the Board Table

The Board met in October plus the AGM as above; Following is a summary of some of the agenda items:

Village Directional Signage –

- Remaining Villages have signage erected.
- Maps available on website and supplied to ambulance service.
- New unit numbers yet to be finalised.

Marketing Committee –

- No social functions until further easing of Covid situation
- Terminology for new Elimatta agreements to be 'Ongoing Payment' Contracts.

New Trailer –

- Along with the new maintenance vehicle, a trailer with cage is being purchased.

Asbestos Register Update –

- The Asbestos Registers for Elimatta, Dawes & James Martin Villages updated.
- Remaining villages do not have asbestos.

New James Martin Units & Lot 2 Building –

- First two units on new roadway have been contracted. To start in early 2021.
- Aged care building development; estimates sourced. Property Committee analysing.

James Martin Village Solar Panels –

- Additional quotes being sourced for solar panels at James Martin Village.

Finance Committee –

- Audit completed & Financial Statements approved, including Village Statements.
- William Buck reappointed auditor for 2020-21.

Sub Committee & Chairpersons –

- The Board operates using Committees that meet prior to normal Board Meetings.
- Committees are chaired by a Board Member.
- *Finance Committee* – Chair. Shane Hennessy
- *Marketing Committee* – Chair. Craig Gogoll
- *Property Committee* – Chair. Chris George
- The *Executive Committee* comprises the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and the three Committee Chairpersons.

Christmas Hamper Draw

We would again like to apologise to everyone about the cancellation of this year's Christmas Party. Issues with distancing and food handling made it a concern to proceed this year. Hopefully it will only be one year!

That didn't stop us from doing a draw for our **Christmas Hampers**.

Lyn put together 3 excellent hampers for the Christmas Draws. They included a small ham and a couple of bottles of wine. GCRH would again like to thank Thirsty Camel Bottle Shop at the Kingsford Hotel for their support.

The draw was undertaken last Thursday morning in the Admin Office, by Chairperson, Helen Sands and Board Member, Shane Hennessy.



The three lucky winners have already received their goodies and they are:

Xmas Hamper 1: Doreen Kellond, Gov Daly Village.

Xmas Hamper 2: Sheila Shaw, Gov Daly Village.

Xmas Hamper 3: Bev Norton, Gov Daly Village.



Annual Residents Meeting Minutes

All residents should have received the Minutes from the Annual Residents Meeting held in October. Please advise the Administration Office if you haven't received a copy.

2021 Social & Information Events on Hold

I am sorry, I would like to have better news! However due to Covid-19 restrictions and our duty of care for everyone, our social calendar remains on hold.

We will continue to monitor restrictions, but we are unlikely to start the calendar again until we see results from the vaccines.

Residence Rules

Just a reminder to all residents of our Residence Rules. All contracts provide information on this and they are all quite reasonable and not too restrictive.

We mentioned in the Spring Newsletter about the new Residence Rules attachment for new contracts. Anyone that would like a copy of the updated Residence Rules can contact the office and we will send one to you.

Summary of Current Vacancies

Elimatta Village:

Unit 1, 27 Tod Street:

The unit features a lounge/dining area, two bedrooms & a mezzanine floor, suitable as utility/office space. It has a good size new kitchen, which will have a 'butler's style' walk in pantry. Three quarter enclosed double carport, which also has room for guest parking in the driveway. Large enclosed front courtyard, with verandah; great for entertaining. Major refurbishment is underway - Priced at \$239,950.

We also have vacancies in Units 3 & 4 at 2 – 7 Fotheringham Terrace. They will be available as Subsidised Entry Units priced at \$55,000.

Dawes Village:

Unit 1, 3 Lyndoch Road:

Flexible configuration three bedrooms & a study/utility room. Or third bedroom can be an additional living area. Large L-shaped lounge/dining area. Main bedroom with new sliding door robe. Separate laundry plus, split unit rev cycle air conditioning. Excellent kitchen, with plenty of overhead cupboards. Bathroom with showerscreen door and separate toilet. Rear courtyard area includes a shed, while there is a front verandah and car space. Priced at \$229,950.



Governor Gawler Village:

Unit 6, 11 Hutchinson Road

Double Garage, three Bedroom home with large living area. Kitchen, inc. a walk-in pantry and new overhead cupboards being installed; will include a new rangehood, a new oven. Main bedroom with walk-in robe; also robe in bedroom 2. Two-way bathroom with separate vanity area and toilet. Laundry has a 2nd toilet as well as extra cupboards. For comfort there is split rev cycle aircon in both the family/dine and main bed; also ducted evap aircon system as a choice in summer. Plus, ceiling fans in all three bedrooms, and the living room.

Double garage allows for extra storage and has internal access. Roller door has remote access, plus rear roller door for ease of access to the courtyard.

Great entertaining area! Courtyard features a gable roof pergola off the garage; and a verandah at the rear of the unit. There is also a water tank and large shed for extra storage. Priced at \$329,950



New Residents

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

- Christine Salem moved into Unit 12, James Martin Village in September.
- Sue & Peter Mace moved into Unit 14, Governor Gawler Village in September.
- Keri & Barry Jenkins moved into Unit 9, Elimatta Village in October.
- Tom & Lorraine Larsen moved into Unit 25, Elimatta Village in October.
- Katherine Jacobs moved into Unit 22, James Martin Village in November.

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

- Unit 20, Governor Gawler Village.
- Unit 2, Elimatta Village.
- Unit 4, 1 Fotheringham Tce, Elimatta Village.

To All Employees from Management

Subject: Office conduct during the Christmas season

Effective immediately, employees should keep in mind the following guidelines in compliance with FROLIC (the Federal Revelry Office and Leisure Industry Council).

Running aluminium foil through the paper shredder to make tinsel is discouraged.

Playing Jingle Bells on the push-button phone is forbidden (it runs up an incredible long distance bill) Maintenance requests are not to be filed under "Bah humbug."

Company cars are not to be used to go over the river and through the woods to Grandma's house.

All fruitcake is to be eaten BEFORE July 25.

Eggnog will NOT be dispensed in vending machines.

In spite of all this, the staff is encouraged to have a Happy Holiday.



All of the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names.

Sad Death of Darth Vader

Finally, this editor would like to note the death of David Prowse from Covid-19. David was the actor who played Darth Vader in the first 3 Star Wars movies; though it wasn't his voice.

While he played one of the most evil (and greatest) movie bad guys ever, David was far from this off screen, he was much loved and even awarded an OBE. It is another reminder to everyone of the damage done to so many families this year.

Vale Darth!

