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From the General Manager's Desk

Above meet my new cats, Chani & Monte Cristo!

We are into the new year well and truly! Unfortunately, we are still faced with Covid-19; it does seem that the Omicron variant is less severe, however we are still concerned for all of us in the vulnerable category.

As restrictions are slowly lifted my advice to everyone is make sure you follow your own needs. Vaccination is still the best defence; get boosted as recommended, wear masks in risky settings, social distance where possible and remember hand and coughing hygiene. Making decisions on your personal situation is the best way to protect yourself, without having to be concerned.

Having said this, we are going to recommence some functions. We will do so carefully, still guided by any restrictions in place. Details later in the Newsletter.

Easter Arrangements and Anzac Day

Easter this year is later, with Good Friday on the 15th April and Easter Monday on the 18th April.

The admin office will be closed from 4.30pm on Thursday 14th April and will re-open on Tuesday 19th April at 9.00am. Urgent maintenance requests should be made direct to Brenton or Stephen on the mobile number **0411 795 585**.

Weekly Bins: Please note that the bins will be put out as normal on **Thursday 14th April**. They won't be emptied until Saturday morning, due to the Friday holiday. So, they will be on the kerb for an extra day.

Anzac Day:

The Anzac Day public holiday this year is on Monday 25th April; The admin office will be closed on this day.

David Street Cycleway Update

I would like to thank all residents for the response to the letter regarding the Cycleway Proposal for David Laneway & David Street. The number of you that returned a letter to the mayor & councillors was significant and has helped to make the Council aware of our concerns.

We subsequently wrote to the mayor & councillors inviting them to a meeting on site last month. Seven councillors attended inc. Mayor Karen Redman, along with Council Staff, GCRH Board Members, myself and former Board Member & Secretary, Humphrey George. It was a fair and reasonable meeting with most of those present having an opportunity to comment or express concerns. A number of Vin Rice residents also joined the meeting, with a couple of them speaking and putting their comments across very well.

After the meeting, at the subsequent Council Meeting, Cr Brian Sambell tried to move a motion to have the route changed; he was advised he could not at that meeting and would need to do so at the March Council meeting.

We will wait to see what occurs with that. We have also been advised that if the route does go through as proposed we will be 'engaged' regarding safety improvements. I would add that there was some discussion regarding these at the meeting.

Of note is that the laneway that leads from David Street down to High Street is on the title of another resident. He also has concerns over the proposal.



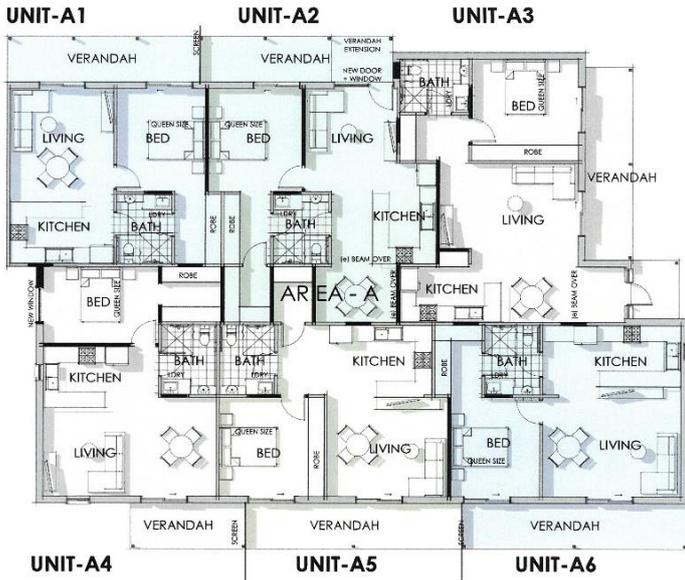
"My husband will be home at any moment—quick, take the accordion!"

Lot 2 James Martin Village- Development

As was advised in the last newsletter, our application for a grant through the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) was unsuccessful. It appears that no funding was supplied to any recipients in the electorate of Spence (formerly known as Wakefield).

We were extremely disappointed in the result as our proposal would provide quality accommodation for a sector in need. Just before Christmas a further round of the BBRF was opened; after careful consideration the Property Committee recommended not to make a further application, which the Board supported. The concern was that despite feedback that our application was very good, we may be again unsuccessful and that would just delay work beginning. We will consider further opportunities in the future.

The Board has agreed that work will start on Stage 1 of the plan. This involves the southernmost building in the aged care facility, which will be separated and converted into six apartments. Below is the concept plan of the units; initial work will include, tree and vegetation removal, asbestos assessment and finalising building plans & approval. This stage will incorporate using current car parking including erecting a carport for each unit.



James Martin Village – New Units

Well, the new James Martin Village units are underway. The foundations were poured in November, followed by sewer connection. Since then things have ground to a halt! You can see from the photo below that bricks and timber have been delivered; much of this has been there for over a month. Fairmont have advised that carpenter's should be on site around the time this newsletter is distributed. We can only hope!

On a more positive note, our fencing contractor has been onsite. They have completed the small retaining walls at the back and on the side of the units plus erected the new rear fence. The side fencing will be erected once building work is completed.

We do have two deposits on these units for potential new residents. Both are priced at \$300,000.

The Property Committee has started planning work on building the next group of units. We will update you when this work is likely to begin.



From the Board Table

The Board met in February; following is a summary of some of the agenda items:

David Street Cycleway

- Actions taken to date. Staff concerns.

Covid-19 Update –

- Report on current protocols.

Marketing Committee –

- Agreed to resume social functions. Subject to easing of restrictions.
- Survey of residents to be undertaken second half of 2022.

Subsidised Entry Applications –

- Process for assessing applications approved.

New James Martin Units –

- No further work since slabs poured.
- Consideration of options for building remaining six units.

Aged Care Facility -

- Agreed not to apply for Round 6 BBRF. Consider future opportunities
- Commence work on Stage 1 of development, inc. six apartments & carports.

Property Committee –

- Pepper Tree removal behind Gov Daly still to be finalised.
- David Street Cycleway

Finance Committee –

- ACNC Annual Return Lodged.
- Capital Maintenance Fund – Expenditure on budget YTD.

2022 Social & Information Events

As mentioned earlier we have decided to start programming some social functions. We will monitor any Covid restrictions that apply at the time, but we are hoping that the first one can go ahead in May.

Tues. May 24th: Gawler Cinemas Silver Screening
We have booked in to see *The Duke*, starring *Helen Mirren & Jim Broadbent*:

"In 1961, Kempton Bunton, a 60 year old taxi driver, stole Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London. He sent ransom notes saying that he would return the painting on condition that the government invested more in care for the elderly. What happened next became the stuff of legend. An uplifting true story about a good man who set out to change the world and managed to save his marriage."



The session includes the following:

- Tea, coffee and biscuits prior to the movie from 10.15.
- The film commences at 11.00am.
- Light lunch after the movie, which includes fresh sandwiches & cake.

GCRH will subsidise the entry price at just **\$5.00 per head for any GCRH residents**, (normal price is \$19.50) with a maximum of two per unit. We will send you an official invitation with full details next month.

Dates for future events:

Wed. October 26th: Annual Residents Meeting

Annual Residents Meeting is listed for 26th October. At this stage is planned to be held at the James Martin Community Hall; subject to restrictions.

Wed. November 30th: GCRH Christmas Party

"Fingers crossed"; Annual Residents Christmas Party date is tentatively booked for Wednesday 30th November. To be held in the Hewett Centre. Again, this will be subject to any remaining restrictions.

If anyone has any suggestions for future social activities, please contact the Admin Office. We are always on the lookout for interesting ideas, both for entertainment or educational.



Current Villages Vacancies

This is the first time we have said this in a newsletter, but effectively all of our current vacancies now have a deposit on them!

Coming Vacancies:

We will have vacancies coming up in Elimatta shortly. They will be Subsidised Entry units.

Please contact the Admin Office to find out more about these vacancies and the pricing.

* A reminder to all residents that if you provide us with a direct referral that results in the unit being sold, we will provide you with a \$200 voucher.

New Residents

It has been a very busy time for us over recent months. There have been a further five units settled since the last newsletter. We would like to welcome the following new residents to Gawler Community Retirement Homes:

- Bob Moore & Liu Cao moved into Unit 4, Elimatta Village in January.
- Pam Adams moved into Unit 1, Dawes Village in January.
- Pat & Chris Chambers moved into Unit 36, Elimatta Village in January.
- Nancy & Peter Offler moved into Unit 4, Governor Gawler Village in January.
- Edith & Graham Humphries moved into Unit 23, James Martin Village in March.

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

- Unit 17, Elimatta Village, 2 - 7 Fotheringham.
- Unit 8, Governor Daly Village.
- Unit 11, Governor Gawler Village.
- Unit 18, Gov Daly Village.
- Unit 3, Vin Rice Village, 4 David Street.
- Unit 15, Governor Gawler Village.

Rita Argent's Presentation

It would be remiss of us not to acknowledge the presentation made to former Board Member, Rita Argent at the Annual Residents Meeting. Rita stepped down from the Board in 2020. We had been keen to make a presentation to her at a function attended by residents. However, Covid made this very hard to achieve.

Fortunately, the residents meeting went ahead and Rita was able to attend. Rita was a long time Board member with her tenure dating back to the early eighties. Her working life was spent in nursing and included training of nurses in the old Hutchinson Hospital. Rita was also the first co-ordinator of the Gawler Care and Share Group.

Chairperson, Helen Sands made a presentation to Rita, which included a copy of her history interview notes made back in 2014.

Rita is pictured with Helen & Deputy Chairperson, Naomi Reschke, following the presentation.



James Martin Village Social Group

A reminder to all village residents of a standing invitation to join the James Martin Village Social Club. They meet usually every second Friday afternoon for various get togethers.

"There not a bad bunch" and are always keen for new members to join. It also won't cost too much! If you would like to know, more contact the Admin Office and we can pass on your details to President, Peter Stevens.

Laugh Time!

* It always irked my single mother that her grocery store didn't carry eggs in packages of six—just by the dozen.

Then one day, her wish came true. She walked into the grocery and found fresh eggs in cartons of six. "I was so excited," she told us later, "that I bought two!"

* Two old friends, Ned and John, lived for baseball. Then one day, John died, leaving Ned inconsolable.

A few weeks later, Ned heard someone calling his name. He looked up. Standing on a cloud was his old pal. "Ned," John called down, "I have good news and bad.

The good news is there's baseball in heaven!" "Great," said Ned. "What's the bad news?" "You're pitching Sunday."

* I'm driving with this guy, and he runs right through a Stop sign. So, I say, "Hey, that was a Stop sign." And he says, "I drive like my brother!"

A few blocks later, he plows right through a red light. I say, "You just ran a red light." And he says, "I drive like my brother!"

So now we're coming up on a green light, and he slows down. I'm confused, so I say, "It's green; why are you slowing down?" He says, "My brother might be coming."

* A Twitter exchange between an angry customer and an apologetic Domino's Pizza:

Customer: Yo I ordered a Pizza & came with no toppings on it or anything, It's Just Bread.

Domino's: We're sorry to hear about this!

Customer (minutes later): Never mind, I opened the pizza upside down

Bought this for Brenton & his Crew!

**Just bought a log cabin
from Ikea**

