



# AUTUMN 2023



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## Newsletter

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### From the General Manager's Desk

We finally got to cruise again! Out of Adelaide and back, 19 days to New Zealand on the Grand Princess. Got to step on Kangaroo Island for the first time; cruised into not just one but three 'sounds' (inc Milford) on the west coast of NZ, they are amazing. Then up the east & north coasts, stopping at six ports, missing all the poor weather in January. But as could have been predicted, it took me three years and travel overseas to finally catch Covid. So, Meredith & I were in isolation for the last 6 days.

At least we got into all the NZ stops and we loved the beauty of the country. Our highlight was Napier on the east coast of the North Island. A city of about 140,000 people, it is best known for its art deco architecture. This was brought about by a major earthquake in 1931, flattening most of the business district. The rebuild of much of the town saw the use of the art deco styling. Many of these buildings survive to this day and the town takes pride in this look. We enjoyed a great tour around the town with a local lady, driving a 1940's vintage car. I can recommend that one.

### Easter Arrangements and Anzac Day

**Easter** this year is later, with Good Friday on the 7<sup>th</sup> April and Easter Monday on the 10<sup>th</sup> April.

**The admin office will be closed from 4.30pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April and will re-open on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April**; The admin office will be closed on this day.

### Another Centenarian in GCRH

It was with great pleasure that we celebrate another Gawler Community Retirement Homes resident turning 100 years old. Jean Evans from Vin Rice Village has just joined the centenarian set.

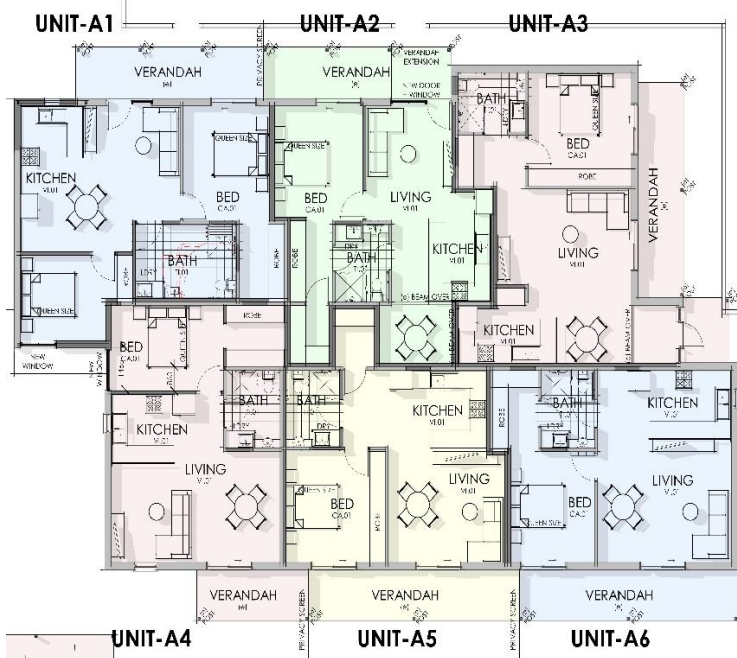
On behalf of everyone from GCRH, we took the opportunity to present Jean with flowers on the historic morning. Not surprisingly it was a very busy scene on the day, with a number of family and friends popping in while we were there.

Jean has been a long time resident of Vin Rice Village; she first took up residence in August of 2008, being the original purchaser of the new unit. We hope she had the happiest of birthdays and that the celebration was memorable.



### Lot 2 James Martin Village- Development

Good news on the progress of developing the disused aged care facility on Lot 2 at James Martin Village. Stage 1 of the work on changes to the southernmost building has now commenced; with demolition of the internal walls. Building certification has been finalised, following some changes required to the final plans. We can now progress full steam ahead. If everything goes to plan it is hoped that we may welcome the first residents towards the end of this year.



The final plans (as above) allow for us to include a two bedroom apartment (unit-A1), as well as five one bedroom apartments. We will also be building carports for each unit; this will include extending the car park at the southern end of the building. As I have mentioned previously, these will be offered under subsidised entry agreements, including both one-off payment and on-going payment.

**Remaining development:**

With the first stage underway, we are now considering the future stages. We already have the concept plan, which includes a further seven apartments and new roadway to service them.

The plan is in the process of being updated to include the rest of the building. Considerations include further apartments, new administration area, new community facilities and kitchen area, plus car parking to service these facilities.

Timing of the development will depend upon funding. If we are able to secure any grants, it would help us to complete it sooner. The concept plan will provide us with a clear vision to present for any grant applications.

**James Martin Village – Additional Units**

Now that the first of the new 3 bedroom units at James Martin Village have been completed, planning for the remaining units is underway. Our plan is building a further six residences along the roadway and we are in the process of updating the plans. These units will again be three bedrooms.

It is expected that the building will begin later this year.

**From the Board Table**

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

**Welfare & Safety**

- Report on current Covid-19 protocols.
- James Martin kitchen fire report.

**Marketing Committee –**

- Social functions being arranged.
- Survey of residents – report at April meeting.

**Subsidised Entry Applications –**

- Application approvals for three units.

**New James Martin Units –**

- Future units approved and updates to planning has commenced.
- James Martin Village Master Plan to be updated to include facility.

**Aged Care Facility -**

- Work commenced on Stage 1 apartments. Final building approval due shortly.
- Concept plan to be updated to include options for entire facility.
- Options for seeking grant support.

**Property Committee –**

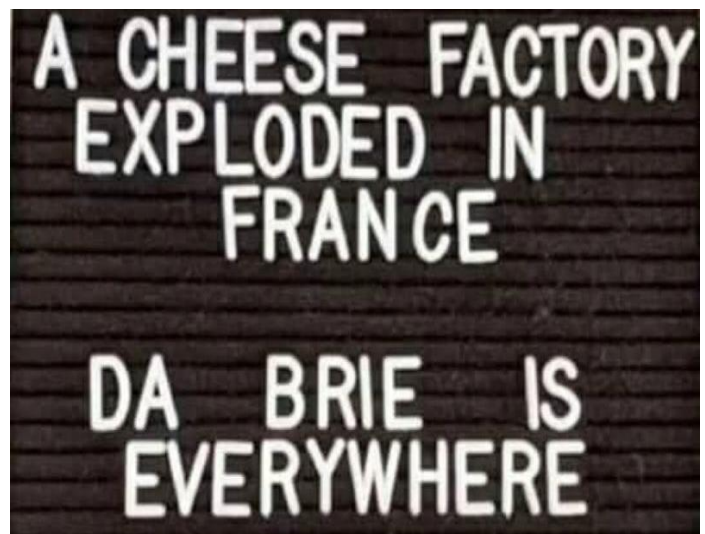
- Consideration of Elimatta parking options.
- Report on James Martin unit fire damage and subsequent repairs.

**Finance Committee –**

- ACNC Annual Return Lodged.
- MYOB - update to chart of accounts
- GCRH Financial Statements format update.
- Cyber Security – Update to Office Premium software.

**Executive Committee –**

- Board Policies reviews & updates
- Resident Risk Review.
- Strategic Plan Implementation Report.



## 2023 Social & Information Events

It was great that we had around 50 people attend the greyhound luncheon last week. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day. Thanks to Nixon's for great service and food.



We are currently in the process of arranging our next function/information session for everyone. And we are also working on a special announcement, to which residents will be invited.

### **Confirmed Dates for future events:**

#### **Wed. October 25th: Annual Residents Meeting**

Annual Residents Meeting Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023, commencing at 10.30am. To be held at the Humphrey George Community Hall, at James Martin Village.

#### **Wed. November 29th: GCRH Christmas Party**

The Annual Residents Christmas Party date is set as Wednesday 29th November 2023. To be held in the Hewett Centre; it will commence at 10.30am. (To be confirmed).

When I was little, I didn't care about things like what to wear, my parents dressed me.

Looking back at some of my old pictures, it's obvious that my parents didn't care either.

## Current Villages Vacancies

While the number of vacancies has slowed a little compared to last financial year, we are finding that vacant units are continuing to sell fairly quickly. At times even before we have had a chance to advise people or advertise. Of the current six vacancies, we already have deposits on five (see below), and the other one has only just been vacated.

## **Vacancies:**

We have one vacancy in Elimatta Village, Unit 18. This is a one bedroom residence offered as a Subsidised Entry agreement priced at \$55,000.

We do have a potential deposit on this unit, but at time of writing it hasn't been confirmed. Contact the Admin Office to find out more or to organise to view the unit.

\* 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

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

- Ivor Turner moved into Unit 28, Elimatta Village in December.
- Carleen & Michael Ryan moved into Unit 19, Governor Gawler Daly in January.
- Margaret Darcy-Weller moved into Unit 25, Elimatta Village in January.

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

- Unit 37, Elimatta Village, 16 Tod.
- Unit 6, Elimatta Village, 1 Fotheringham.
- Unit 16, Elimatta Village, 2-7 Fotheringham.
- Unit 1, Dawes Village, 5 Lyndoch.
- Unit 15, James Martin Village.

## Aged Care Reforms Survey

The Department of Health and Aged Care currently has a survey open, seeking "Older People – to have your say on aged care reforms". This survey is for older Australians, people who use aged care services and their families and carers.

The questions in this survey will help the Department of Health and Aged Care understand how much you know about the aged care reforms and what improvements need to be made. The survey will also help to better share information and engage as the reforms are implemented. To find the survey you can go to the Dept website as per the link below, the survey link is on the home page. The Survey closes on the Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

<https://www.agedcareengagement.health.gov.au/>

## New Administration Phone System

A new phone system has just been installed in the Administration Office. This system is a computer based unit in lieu of the more traditional system we used previously.

We had been having problems with our message system for some time, including messages at times being delayed. The new phones allow for messages to be saved on the phone and also sent as emails. Plus, when ringing the normal office number, we can answer two calls at once; and we have a lot more flexibility for the future.

From the residents point of view there is no change, same office number as before; maybe a couple of minor hiccups as Karen & I learn to navigate it!

### Fire Blankets for All Units

The Board has approved the purchase of fire blankets, which are to be installed in each unit. They will be installed by the maintenance staff in a suitable easy to locate position in your unit. We will write to you shortly with information of when we will install them for you.

### Pets in the Villages

A reminder to all residents of GCRH's Pet Policy. Overall, we have a no pet policy, however, new residents may be approved by the Board to bring a current pet with them, under the following conditions:

- The unit is suitable for a pet.
- That pet is not to be replaced.
- It cannot disturb or annoy other residents.

Current residents may be allowed to have a pet for a special need. This would require a letter from a doctor or health professional and require Board approval.

Unless the Board has approved it, residents should not have a permanent pet at their residence.

The best thing about being over 50?



We did all our stupid stuff  
before the invention of the internet,  
so there's no proof!

### Memory Lane – Laurel & Hardy!

Laurel and Hardy were a British-American comedy duo act during the early Classical Hollywood era of American cinema, consisting of Englishman Stan Laurel (1890–1965) and American Oliver Hardy (1892–1957).

Starting their career as a duo in the silent film era, they later successfully transitioned to "talkies". From the

late 1920s to the mid-1950s, they were internationally famous for their slapstick comedy, with Laurel playing the clumsy, childlike friend to Hardy's pompous bully. Their signature theme song, known as "The Cuckoo Song", "Ku-Ku", or "The Dance of the Cuckoos" (by Hollywood composer T. Marvin Hatley) was heard over their films' opening credits, and became as emblematic of them as their bowler hats.

Prior to emerging as a team, both had well-established film careers. Laurel had acted in over 50 films, and worked as a writer and director, while Hardy was in more than 250 productions. Both had appeared in *The Lucky Dog* (1921) but were not teamed at the time. They first appeared together in a short film in 1926, when they signed separate contracts with the Hal Roach film studio. They officially became a team in 1927 when they appeared in the silent short, *Putting Pants on Philip*.

They remained with Roach until 1940, and then appeared in eight B movie comedies for 20th Century Fox and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer from 1941 to 1945. After finishing their film commitments at the end of 1944, they concentrated on performing stage shows, and embarked on a music hall tour of England, Ireland, Wales, and Scotland. They made their last film in 1950, a French-Italian co-production called *Atoll K*.

They appeared as a team in 107 films, starring in 32 short silent films, 40 short sound films, and 23 full-length feature films. They also made 12 guest or cameo appearances, including in the *Galaxy of Stars* promotional film of 1936. On December 1, 1954, they made their sole American television appearance, when they were surprised and interviewed by Ralph Edwards on his live NBC-TV program *This Is Your Life*. In 2005, they were voted the seventh-greatest comedy act of all time by a UK poll of professional comedians.

A movie was made in 2018 called *Stan and Ollie* starring John C Reilly as Oliver Hardy and Steve Coogan as Stan Laurel. It was set during the aforementioned post war tour of Britain. It is a great tribute. Below is one of the last pictures ever taken of the pair together.

