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Newsletter

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From the General Manager's Desk

Things are really starting to move along here at James Martin Village, with both the apartments and the new units. See the updates later in the newsletter. Top photo is of Mt Lofty Botanical Gardens in autumn!

GM's Leave

Just to let everyone know that I will be away from mid-April to end of May. We are finally getting the chance to visit our daughter, Mercedes, who lives in Stuttgart, Germany. This is the trip cancelled back in 2021, due to Covid!

While I am away, Karen will be in charge! She will be working some extra hours, including some Friday mornings. However, it won't be every Friday.

If you have a maintenance request, please ring the office as normal. If unattended, you will be able to leave a message and Karen will respond when she is back in the office.

In a case where it is urgent, then you can ring the out of hours number **0411 795 585**. But it should only be if urgent.

Easter Arrangements and Anzac Day

Easter this year will start with Good Friday on the 29th March through to Easter Monday on the 1st April.

The admin office will be closed from 4.30pm on Thursday 28th March and will re-open on Tuesday 2nd 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 28th March**. 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 **Thursday 25th April**; The admin office will be closed on this day.

Retirement Villages Act Amendment Bill

The Retirement Villages Act Amendment Bill has been introduced to the SA Parliament. The main changes are aimed at transparency and ensuring relevant information is available to prospective residents. This will include some updates to residence contracts and disclosure statements.

GCRH already provides most of the information set-out in the amendments. However, there may be adjustments to the way they are presented. This would include providing estimates on exit entitlements if occupation is terminated at 2, 5 and 10 years.

A change to repayment of an exit entitlement if a unit is not sold within 18 months. This is amended to 12 months plus a 30 day period for refurbishment.

There will be caps placed on recurrent charges; limited to CPI. This doesn't include costs outside the operators control. An Operator cannot unreasonably refuse requests to make "prescribed alterations". This refers to functional aids, equipment or infrastructure eg grab rails, ramps or other modifications.

More information can be found at the Office for Ageing Well site at www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/. There, you can find an information sheet, which summarises how the bill will affect prospective and current residents.

We have a copy of the information sheet here in the Admin Office. If you would like a copy, contact the office and we will organise for you.

Ring if you Need the Answer!



Bruce Eastick Complex Apartments

Work on the first six of the apartments in the Bruce Eastick Complex is progressing well. Much of the internal work is completed, with second fix electrical and plumbing nearing completion. This will then be followed by installation of floor coverings, blinds, air-conditioning, robes and appliances.

There is still a fair bit of external work to be undertaken. This includes installation of the electrical power boards, pathways & gardens; the car park is to be extended and there will be six carports erected. Two carports will be alongside the main road, while the other four will be in the extended car park. There will be a ramp that leads from the eastern car park; this will provide ease of access for walkers etc. There will also be stairway access. The southern car park has fairly flat access to the apartments.

Each of the six apartments will have their own fenced courtyards to provide delineation of each residence. This will include colourbond side fences and landscape style front fences and gates.



Recently, Matt Burnell, the Federal Member for Spence was able to visit the Bruce Eastick Complex. We showed him progress of the first six apartments and also the remaining parts of the building. We also hosted Leonie Boothby from Regional Development Australia to view the progress. Leonie is the CEO of the Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains office.

We are still hopeful of securing funding to help us complete the next stages of our development. In particular the remaining ten apartments and the roadway required to service them. As much as we would like to get them completed asap, it will take us some time, if we cannot secure some support. Nevertheless, the Board is committed to the development of James Martin Village and the Bruce Eastick Complex.

James Martin Village – Additional Units

Anyone that has been to James Martin Village in the last couple of weeks, will have noticed things on the move. After receiving the final building approvals in February for the remaining six three-bedroom units, work is already underway. Local builder JR Hutchins Building has started on the footings. It is expected that the foundations will be poured over the next couple of weeks.

The new units are a similar size to the first two but with new floorplans as highlighted in the winter newsletter. They will have a similar look to the first two, with some changes; the brick & colourbond colours will follow the first two as they go down the roadway. Internal colours will also be similar.



From the Board Table

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

Welfare & Safety

- Update Covid-19 protocols.
- Resident Risk Review as per Board Calendar

Marketing Committee –

- Greyhound Function well attended.
- Remaining Social Events 2024.
- Vacancy contacts at record levels.

Subsidised Entry Applications –

- Application approval for one unit.

New James Martin Units –

- New units at JMV ready to start.
- Work on BEC apartments.
- Seeking funding for future stages.

Property Committee –

- Consideration of Elimatta parking options.
- Solar panel installation.

Finance Committee –

- ACNC Annual Return Lodged.
- Capital Maintenance Fund – revenue on budget
- Cash Report - funding for JMV projects.
- Village Surplus – better than budget YTD.

Executive Committee/Board Calendar –

- Defibrillators Act – advice on requirements.
- Voluntary Assisted Dying Policy – seeking advice on policy.
- Strategic Plan Implementation Report.
- Chairperson Performance Review



2024 Social & Information Events

It was great that we had over 60 attend the greyhound luncheon last month. A number of residents had some luck with their mystery bets! Thanks to Nixon's for great service and food.

Confirmed functions & dates for 2024;

Wed June 26th: Face Dementia Seminar

Morning tea commencing at 10.30am, in the Humphrey George Community Hall at James Martin. Face Dementia is a public awareness campaign. Heather Engelhardt will provide a presentation on many aspects of dementia. Includes education on reducing risk and improving brain health. Light refreshments to be provided. Residents will receive an invite in early June.

Tues September 17th: Gawler Bowling Club

Following the success of the social bowling day at the Gawler Bowling Club, we have made a booking in September. Will include social bowling and a light luncheon provided by the Club. Commences mid-morning. Was good fun last year!

Wed. October 30th: Annual Residents Meeting

Annual Residents Meeting Wednesday 30th October 2024, commencing at 10.30am. To be held at the Humphrey George Community Hall, at James Martin.

Wed. November 27th: GCRH Christmas Party (tbc)

The Annual Residents Christmas Party date is listed as Wednesday 27th November 2024. To be held in the Hewett Centre; it will commence at 10.30am. (To be confirmed).

We are still looking at the following:

- An information session about the changes to Myagedcare due to commence in mid-2024.
- Gawler Cinemas are still offering silver screening mornings. We will be keeping an eye out for a suitable movie and will advise if we can organise.
- * If you have seen or heard about any suitable options for social get togethers or information sessions, we would like to hear about it. Also, we are on the lookout for entertainment for the Christmas Party. Contact Peter at the admin office if you have any ideas.



Bin Enclosures for Governor Gawler Village

It has taken us a little while, but the new bin enclosures in Governor Gawler Village are nearly complete. Once ready we will be writing to all Governor Gawler residents regarding placing all bins in the four enclosures around the village. Currently we pay for twenty (of both yellow & red) bins in the village, the majority of which aren't put out each week. When ready we intend having twelve bins (of both) spread amongst the enclosures for residents to use. Excess bins will be returned to the Council (Nawma), this will save around \$2,000 per year in waste fees.

Current Villages Vacancies

We are still finding that vacant units are selling fairly quickly. At times even before we have had a chance to advise people or advertise. Most are selling off our database of interested people.

Current Vacancies:

Governor Daly Village:

Unit 1, 20 Daly Street.

Two bedroom unit, with an L-shaped lounge & dining room. It will have a new kitchen and other cupboards. Features a garage under the main roof with internal access. Bathroom with showerscreen and separate toilet with skylights. Rear courtyard. Price tba.

We also have another unit coming up shortly in the village.

James Martin Village:

Apartments in Bruce Eastick Complex

These will be ready over the next couple of months. A letter will be sent out once we are ready to start taking applications. There will be six apartments available; five are one bedroom and there is a two bedroom. All will have full size kitchens, bathroom/laundry, split system aircon, ceiling fans to bedrooms and separate courtyards. A carport on site will be assigned to each apartment. All will be offered as **Subsidised Entry Agreements**. Details of apartment options are:

Apartment 1 – Two bedroom, “Premium” Contract, Price \$82,500.

Apartments 2, 4 & 6 – One Bedroom, Ongoing Payment Contract, \$205 per week.

Apartments 3 & 5 – One bedroom, “Premium” Contract, Price \$67,500.

Contact the Admin Office to find out more. These units will require an Application for Subsidised Entry to be submitted.

New Residents

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

- Richard & Sharon Sampson moved into Elimatta Village in January.
- Ken Burrows moved into Elimatta Village in January.
- Bruce McGirr moved into Dawes Village in February.
- Helen Trenowden moved into Elimatta Village in February.

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

- Unit 29, Elimatta Village, 30 Tod.
- Unit 5, Governor Gawler Village.
- Unit 4, James Martin Village.
- Unit 18, Governor Gawler Village

Memory Lane – The Three Stooges!

The Three Stooges were an American vaudeville and comedy team active from 1922 until 1970, best remembered for their 190 short-subject films by Columbia Pictures. Their hallmark styles were physical, farce, and slapstick. Six total Stooges appeared over the act's run (with only three active at any given time); Moe Howard (born Moses Horwitz) and Larry Fine (born Louis Feinberg) were mainstays throughout the ensemble's nearly 50-year run, while the "third stooge" was played in turn by Shemp Howard (born Samuel Horwitz), Curly Howard (born Jerome Horwitz), Shemp Howard again, Joe Besser, and "Curly Joe" DeRita (born Joseph Wardell).

The act began in the early 1920s as part of a vaudeville comedy act billed as "Ted Healy and His Stooges", consisting originally of Ted Healy and Moe Howard. Over time, they were joined by Moe's brother, Shemp Howard, and then Larry Fine. The four appeared in one feature film, *Soup to Nuts*, before Shemp left to pursue a solo career. He was replaced by Moe's younger brother, Jerome "Curly" Howard, in 1932. Two years later, after appearing in several movies, the trio left Healy and signed on to appear in their own short-subject comedies for Columbia Pictures, now billed as "The Three Stooges". From 1934 to 1946, Moe, Larry, and Curly produced over 90 short films for Columbia.

Curly suffered a debilitating stroke in May 1946. Shemp returned, reconstituting the original lineup, until his death of a heart attack on November 22, 1955, three years and ten months after Curly's death of a cerebral haemorrhage. Film actor Joe Palma stood in (shot from behind to obscure his face) to complete four Shemp-era shorts under contract. The procedure of disguising one actor as another outside of stunt shots became known as the "fake Shemp". Columbia contract player Joe Besser joined as the third Stooge for two years (1956–1957), departing in 1958 to nurse his ill wife after Columbia terminated its shorts division. The studio then released all the shorts via Screen Gems, Columbia's television studio and distribution unit. Screen Gems then syndicated the shorts to television, whereupon the Stooges became one of the most popular comedy acts of the early 1960s.

Comic actor Joe DeRita became "Curly Joe" in 1958, replacing Besser for a new series of full-length theatrical films. With intense television exposure in the United States, the act regained momentum throughout the 1960s as popular kids' fare, until Larry's paralyzing stroke in the midst of filming a pilot for a Three Stooges TV series in January 1970. He died in January 1975 after a further series of strokes. Unsuccessful attempts were made in 1970 and 1975 to revive the act with longtime supporting actor Emil Sitka in Fine's role, but they were cut short by Moe Howard's death on May 4, 1975.

The last photo of Larry fine and Moe Howard of The Three stooges

