

Village Comparison Document

Retirement Villages Act 1999 (Section 74)

ABN: 86 504 771 740

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Adventist
Retirement Plus

Melody Park Retirement Resort

Important information for the prospective resident

- The Village Comparison Document gives general information about the retirement village accommodation, facilities and services, including the general costs of moving into, living in and leaving the retirement village. This makes it easier for you to compare retirement villages.
- The *Retirement Villages Act 1999* requires a retirement village scheme operator to:
 - provide a copy of the Village Comparison Document to a prospective resident of the retirement village within seven days of receiving a request
 - include a copy of the Village Comparison Document with any promotional material given to a person, other than through a general distribution (e.g. mail-out)
 - publish the Village Comparison Document on the village's website so that the document, or a link to it appears prominently on each page of the website that contains, or has a link to, marketing material for the village
- You can access a copy of this Village Comparison Document on the village website at www.arplus.org.au
- All amounts in this document are GST-inclusive, unless stated otherwise where that is permitted by law.

Notice for prospective residents

Before you decide whether to live in a retirement village, you should:

- Seek independent legal advice about the retirement village contract – there are different types of contracts and they can be complex
- Find out the financial commitments involved – in particular, you should understand and consider ingoing costs, ongoing fees and charges (which can increase) and how much it will cost you when you leave the village permanently
- Consider any impacts to any pensions, rate subsidies and rebates you currently receive
- Consider what questions to ask the village manager before signing a contract
- Consider whether retirement village living provides the lifestyle that is right for you. Moving into a retirement village is very different to moving into a new house. It involves buying into a village with communal facilities where usually some of the costs of this lifestyle are deferred until you leave the village. These deferred costs when you leave your unit may be significant.
- Seek further information and advice to help with making a decision that is right for you. Some useful contacts are listed at the end of this document, including:
 - Queensland Retirement Village and Park Advice Service (QRVPAS) which provides free information and legal assistance for residents and prospective residents of retirement village. See www.caxton.org.au or phone 07 3214 6333.

- The Queensland Law Society which can provide a list of lawyers who practice retirement village law. See www.qls.com.au or phone: 1300 367 757.

More information

- If you decide to move into a retirement village, the operator will provide you with a Prospective Costs Document for your selected unit, a residence contract and other legal documents.
- By law, you must have a copy of the Village Comparison Document, the Prospective Costs Document, the village by-laws, your residence contract and all attachments to your residence contract for at least 21 days before you and the operator enter into the residence contract. This is to give you time to read these documents carefully and seek professional advice about your legal and financial interests. You have the right to waive the 21-day period if you get legal advice from a Queensland lawyer about your contract.

The information in this Village Comparison Document is correct as at 15 November 2021 and applies to prospective residents.

Some of the information in this document may not apply to existing residence contracts.

Part 1 – Operator and management details

1.1 Retirement village location	Retirement Village Name: Adventist Retirement Plus - Melody Park Street Address: 261 Gilston Road Suburb: NERANG State: QLD Post Code: 4211
1.2 Owner of the land on which the retirement village scheme is located	Name of land owner: Australasian Conference Association Limited Australian Company Number (ACN): 000 003 930 Address: 400 Boundary Street Suburb: SPRING HILL State: QLD Post Code: 4000
1.3 Village operator	Name of entity that operates the retirement village (scheme operator): Seventh-day Adventist Aged Care (South Queensland) Ltd Australian Company Number (ACN): 104 195 922 Address: 400 Boundary Street Suburb: SPRING HILL State: QLD Post Code: 4000 Date entity became operator: 01 October 1992
1.4 Village management and onsite availability	Name of village management entity and contact details: Seventh-day Adventist Aged Care (South Queensland) Ltd Australian Company Number (ACN): 104 195 922 Phone: 07 5557 1777 Email: reception.mp@arplus.org.au An onsite manager (or representative) is available to residents: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Part time Onsite availability includes: Scheduled Weekdays – 9.00am to 4.00pm; Weekends – contactable by phone in case of emergency

<p>1.5 Approved closure plans and transition plans for the retirement village</p>	<p>Is there an approved transition plan for the village?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>A written transition plan approved by the Department of Housing and Public Works is required when an existing operator is transitioning control of the retirement village scheme's operation to a new operator.</i></p> <p>Is there an approved closure plan for the village?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>A written closure plan approved by the residents of the village (by a special resolution at a residents meeting) or by the Department of Housing and Public Works is required if an operator is closing a retirement village scheme. This includes winding down or stopping to operate the village, even temporarily.</i></p>
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<p>1.6 Statutory Charge over retirement village land.</p>	<p><i>Tenure in a leasehold or freehold scheme is secured by the registration of your interest on the certificate of title for the property. There is no statutory charge registered over leasehold schemes and freehold schemes.</i></p> <p><i>In relation to licence schemes, a statutory charge over the land is normally registered on the certificate of title by the chief executive of the department administering the Act. If there is no statutory charge registered on a licence scheme, which may be the case for some religious, charitable or community purpose organisations, you should check if the security of tenure offered meets your requirements.</i></p> <p>Is a statutory charge registered on the certificate of title for the retirement village land?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
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Part 2 – Age limits

<p>2.1 What age limits apply to residents in this village?</p>	<p>In the case of a single application, the applicant must be eligible for the Aged Pension. In the case of a joint application, one applicant must be eligible for the Aged Pension and the other applicant must be suitable as determined by the Scheme Operator.</p>
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ACCOMMODATION, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Part 3 – Accommodation units: Nature of ownership or tenure

<p>3.1 Resident ownership or tenure of the units in the village is:</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Freehold (owner resident)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lease (non-owner resident)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Licence (non-owner resident)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Share in company title entity (non-owner resident)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unit in unit trust (non-owner resident)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rental (non-owner resident)</p>
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Accommodation types				
3.2 Number of units by accommodation type and tenure	There are 45 single story independent living units in the village.			
Accommodation Unit	Freehold	Leasehold	Licence	Other – Rental
- Two bedrooms			26	4
- Two bedrooms + study			15	
Total number of units			41	4
Access and design				
3.3 What disability access and design features do the units and the village contain?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level access from the street into and between all areas of the unit (i.e. no external or internal steps or stairs) in some units <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Step-free (hob less) shower in some units <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Width of doorways allow for wheelchair access in some units <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toilet is accessible in a wheelchair in some units <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other key features in the units or village that cater for people with disability or assist residents to age in place:			
Part 4 – Parking for residents and visitors				
4.1 What car parking in the village is available for residents?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Some units with own garage or carport attached or adjacent to the unit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General car parking for residents in the village <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other parking e.g. caravan or boat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited parking available for caravans, boats and campervans Restrictions on resident's car parking include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking on lawns prohibited • Street parking is restricted to drop-off and pickup only • Visitors and family members of residents are not permitted to leave vehicles on site for extended periods of time without being present on site, unless approved by management 			
4.2 Is parking in the village available for visitors? If yes, parking restrictions include	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes – General car parking for visitors in the village Restrictions on visitor car parking include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking on lawns prohibited • Street parking is restricted to drop-off and pickup only • Visitors and family members of residents are not permitted to leave vehicles on site for extended periods of time without being present on site, unless approved by management 			

Part 5 – Planning and development

5.1 Is construction or development of the village complete?	Year village construction started: 1992 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fully developed / completed
5.2 Construction development and applications and development approvals	Nil
5.3 Redevelopment plan under the <i>Retirement Villages Act 1999</i>	<p>Is there an approved redevelopment plan for the village under the <i>Retirement Villages Act</i>?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>The Retirement Villages Act may require a written redevelopment plan for certain types of re-development of the village and this is different to a development approval. A redevelopment plan must be approved by the residents of the village (by a special resolution at a residents meeting) or by the Department of Housing and Public Works.</i></p> <p>Note: see notice at end of document regarding inspection of the development approval documents.</p>

Part 6 – Facilities onsite at the village

6.1 The following facilities are currently available to residents:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Activities or games room <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arts and crafts room <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BBQ area outdoors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Billiards room <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community centre <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gardens <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hairdressing or beauty room	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool [indoor] [heated] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate lounge in community centre <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool and spa [indoor, heated] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Storage for boats / caravans <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village bus or transport
Details about any facility that is not funded from the General Services Charge paid by residents or if there are any restrictions on access or sharing of facilities (e.g. with an aged care facility): Nil		
6.2 Does the village have an onsite, attached, adjacent or co-located residential aged care facility?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Name of Facility: Wisteria Lodge Approved Provider: Seventh-day Adventist Aged Care (South Queensland) Ltd	

Note: Aged care facilities are not covered by the *Retirement Villages Act 1999 (Qld)*. The retirement village operator cannot keep places free or guarantee places in aged care for residents of the retirement village. To enter a residential aged care facility, you must be assessed as eligible by an Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) in accordance with the *Aged Care Act 1997 (Cwth)*. Exit fees may apply when you move from your retirement village unit to other accommodation and may involve entering a new contract.

Part 7 – Services

7.1 What services are provided to all village residents (funded from the General Services Charge paid by residents)?

- management and administration
- gardening and day-to-day minor maintenance of the common areas and infrastructure; and
- other services as detailed each year in the operating budget for the scheme

7.2 Are optional personal services provided or made available to residents on a user-pays basis?

- Yes
- Supported Living (Home Care)
 - Concierge Service

7.3 Does the retirement village operator provide government funded home care services under the *Aged Care Act 1997 (Cwth)*?

- Yes, the operator is an Approved Provider of home care under the *Aged Care Act 1997* (Registered Accredited Care Supplier – RACS ID number: 17958)

Note: Some residents may be eligible to receive a Home Care Package, or a Commonwealth Home Support Program subsidised by the Commonwealth Government if assessed as eligible by an aged care assessment team (ACAT) under the *Aged Care Act 1997 (Cwth)*. These home care services are not covered by the *Retirement Villages Act 1999 (Qld)*.

Residents can choose their own approved Home Care Provider and are not obliged to use the retirement village provider, if one is offered.

Part 8 – Security and emergency systems

8.1 Does the village have a security system?

- Contractor patrols the site 3-4 times per night

8.2 Does the village have an emergency help system?

- Yes - all residents Optional No
- Emergency Help Phone with emergency button on the handset as well as a pendant. All calls are managed through an external provider 24 hours 7 days per week.

8.3 Does the village have equipment that provides for the safety or medical emergency of residents?

- Yes No

COSTS AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Part 9 – Ingoing contribution - entry costs to live in the village

An ingoing contribution is the amount a prospective resident must pay under a residence contract to secure a right to reside in the retirement village. The ingoing contribution is also referred to as the sale price or purchase price. It does not include ongoing charges such as rent or other recurring fees.

9.1 What is the estimated ingoing contribution (sale price) range for all types of units in the village	Accommodation Unit	Range of ingoing contribution	
	Independent living units		
	- Two bedrooms	\$ 260 000 to \$ 285 000	
	- Two bedrooms + study	\$ 310 000 to \$ 370 000	
	Full range of ingoing contributions for all unit types	\$ 260 000 to \$ 370 000	
9.2 Are there different financial options available for paying the ingoing contribution and exit fee or other fees and charges under a residence contract?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
9.3 What other entry costs do residents need to pay?	<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer or stamp duty <input type="checkbox"/> Costs related to your residence contract <input type="checkbox"/> Costs related to any other contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advance payment of one month's General Services Charge and Maintenance Reserve Fund contribution <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other costs: Scheme operator's legal fees currently set at \$1,595.00		

Part 10 – Ongoing Costs - costs while living in the retirement village

General Services Charge: Residents pay this charge for the general services supplied or made available to residents in the village, which may include management and administration, gardening and general maintenance and other services or facilities for recreation and entertainment described at 7.1.

Maintenance Reserve Fund contribution: Residents pay this charge for maintaining and repairing (but not replacing) the village's capital items e.g. communal facilities, swimming pool. This fund may or may not cover maintaining or repairing items in your unit, depending on the terms of your residence contract.

The budgets for the General Services Charge and the Maintenance Reserve Fund are set each financial year and these amounts can increase each year. The amount to be held in the Maintenance Reserve Fund is determined by the operator using a quantity surveyor's report.

Note: The following ongoing costs are all stated as weekly amounts to help you compare the costs of different villages. However, the billing period for these amounts may not be weekly.

10.1 Current weekly rates of General Services Charge and Maintenance Reserve Fund contribution

Type of Unit	General Services Charge (weekly)	Maintenance Reserve Fund contribution (weekly)
Independent Living Units		
- Two bedrooms	\$ 83.91	\$ 37.00
- Two bedrooms + study	\$ 83.91	\$ 37.00

Last three years of General Services Charge and Maintenance Reserve Fund contribution

Financial year	General Services Charge (range) (weekly)	Overall % change from previous year	Maintenance Reserve Fund contribution (weekly)	Overall % change from previous year (+ or -)
2019/2020	\$ 79.38	1.56%	\$ 35.87	11.57%
2020/2021	\$ 82.50	3.93%	\$ 35.99	0.33%
2021/2022	\$ 83.19	0.84%	\$ 37.00	2.81%

<p>10.2 What costs relating to the units are not covered by the General Services Charge? (residents will need to pay these costs separately)</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contents insurance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electricity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pay TV <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Emergency Call System
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<p>10.3 What other ongoing or occasional costs for repair, maintenance and replacement of items in, on or attached to the units are residents responsible for and pay for while residing in the unit?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Unit fixtures <input type="checkbox"/> Unit fittings <input type="checkbox"/> Unit appliances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <p>Additional Information: The resident must pay for any variations that he/she elects to do (this is subject to the resident obtaining the consent of the scheme operator).</p>
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<p>10.4 Does the operator offer a maintenance service or help residents arrange repairs and</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <p>The site has full time maintenance staff on site who takes care of all reasonable maintenance requirements at the scheme operator's sole</p>
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maintenance for their unit?	discretion. Where necessary, external contractors are engaged for more specialised work such as electrical and plumbing. None of the above are at the cost of the residents.
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Part 11– Exit fees - when you leave the village

A resident may have to pay an exit fee to the operator when they leave their unit or when the right to reside in their unit is sold. This is also referred to as a 'deferred management fee' (DMF).

11.1 Do residents pay an exit fee when they permanently leave their unit?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes – all residents pay an exit fee calculated using the same formula <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – all new residents pay an exit fee but the way this is worked out may vary depending on each resident's residence contract <input type="checkbox"/> No exit fee
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Time period from date of occupation of unit to the date the resident ceases to reside in the unit	Exit fee calculation based on your ingoing contribution:	
1 year or less	12% calculated on a daily basis during the first year	
2 years or less but more than 1 year	12% plus 8% calculated on a daily basis during the second year	
3 years or less but more than 2 years	20% plus 4% calculated on a daily basis during the third year	
4 years or less but more than 3 years	24% plus 3% calculated on a daily basis during the fourth year	
5 years or less but more than 4 years	27% plus 2% calculated on a daily basis during the fifth year	
6 years or less but more than 5 years	29% plus 1% calculated on a daily basis during the sixth year	
More than 6 years	Maximum of 30%	

Note: if the period of occupation is not a whole number of years, the exit fee will be worked out on a daily basis.
 The maximum (or capped) exit fee is 30% of your ingoing contribution after 6 years of residence.
 The minimum exit fee is 12% of your ingoing contribution calculated on a daily basis from the date of your occupation of the unit to the date you cease to reside in the unit.

11.2 What other exit costs do residents need to pay or contribute to?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sale costs for the unit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legal costs <input type="checkbox"/> Other costs
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Part 12 – Reinstatement and renovation of the unit

<p>12.1 Is the resident responsible for reinstatement of the unit when they leave the unit?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>Reinstatement work means replacements or repairs that are reasonably necessary to return the unit to the same condition it was in when the resident started occupation, apart from:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Fair wear and tear; and</i> • <i>Renovations and other changes to the condition of the unit carried out with agreement of the resident and operator.</i> <p><i>Fair wear and tear includes a reasonable amount of wear and tear associated with the use of items commonly used in a retirement village. However, a resident is responsible for the cost of replacing a capital item of the retirement village if the resident deliberately damages the item or causes accelerated wear.</i></p> <p>Entry and exit inspections and reports are undertaken by the operator and resident to assess the condition of the unit.</p>
<p>12.2 Is the resident responsible for renovation of the unit when they leave the unit?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>Renovation means replacements or repairs other than reinstatement work. By law, the operator is responsible for the cost of any renovation work on a former resident’s unit, unless the residence contract provides for the resident to share in the capital gain on the sale of the resident’s interest in the unit. Renovation costs are shared between the former resident and operator in the same proportion as any capital gain is to be shared under the residence contract.</i></p>

Part 13 – Capital gain or losses

<p>13.1 When the resident’s interest or right to reside in the unit is sold, does the resident share in the capital <i>gain</i> or capital <i>loss</i> on the resale of their unit?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
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Part 14 – Exit entitlement

An exit entitlement is the amount the operator may be required to pay the former resident under a residence contract after the right to reside is terminated and the former resident has left the unit.

<p>14.1 How is the exit entitlement which the operator will pay the resident worked out?</p>	<p>Ingoing contribution paid</p> <p>Less exit fee</p> <p>Less share of selling costs</p> <p>Less share of reinstatement works</p> <p>Less any outstanding charges</p> <p>Less scheme operators legal fees</p>
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<p>14.2 When is the exit entitlement payable?</p>	<p>By law, the operator must pay the exit entitlement to a former resident on or before the earliest of the following days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the day stated in the residence contract which is 9 months after the termination of the residence contract • 14 days after the settlement of the sale of the right to reside in the unit to the next resident or the operator • 18 months after the termination date of the resident’s right to reside under the residence contract, even if the unit has not been resold, unless the operator has been granted an extension for payment by the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT). <p>In addition, an operator is entitled to see probate or letters of administration before paying the exit entitlement of a former resident who has died.</p>
<p>14.3 What is the turnover of units for sale in the village?</p>	<p>5 accommodation units were vacant as at the end of the last financial year</p> <p>1 accommodation unit was resold during the last financial year</p> <p>6 months was the average length of time to sell a unit over the last three financial years</p>

Part 15– Financial management of the village

<p>15.1 What is the financial status for the funds that the operator is required to maintain under the Retirement Villages Act 1999?</p>	<p>General Services Charges (General Service Fees and Maintenance Reserve Funds) for the last 3 years</p>			
	Financial Year	Deficit / Surplus	Balance	\$ Change from previous year
	2018/2019	\$ 8,069	\$14,156	-\$7,575
	2019/2020	-\$13,108	\$1,048	-\$21,177
	2020/2021	-\$11,824	-\$10,776	\$1,284
	Balance of General Services Charges Fund for last financial year			-\$10,776
	Balance of Maintenance Reserve Fund for last financial year			\$36,359
	Balance of Capital Replacement Fund for the last financial year			\$1,153,495
	Percentage of a resident ingoing contribution applied to the Capital Replacement Fund			1%
	The operator pays a percentage of a resident’s ingoing contribution, as determined by a quantity surveyor’s report, to the Capital Replacement Fund. This fund is used for replacing the village’s capital items.			

Part 16 – Insurance

The village operator must take out general insurance, to full replacement value, for the retirement village, including for:

- communal facilities; and
- the accommodation units, other than accommodation units owned by residents.

Residents contribute towards the cost of this insurance as part of the General Services Charge.

16.1 Is the resident responsible for arranging any insurance cover?

If yes, the resident is responsible for these insurance policies:

Yes No

The resident is responsible for these insurance policies:

- (a) your property in the Unit;
- (b) public liability claims brought as a result of any incident occurring in the Unit; and
- (c) workers compensation claims brought by any employee or contractor that you engage to carry out work or provide services in the Unit.

Part 17 – Living in the village

Trial or settling in period in the village

17.1 Does the village offer prospective residents a trial period or a settling in period in the village?

Yes No

Pets

17.2 Are residents allowed to keep pets?

Yes No

Not without the consent of the operator who may give or refuse at their absolute discretion.

Visitors

17.3 Are there restrictions on visitors staying with residents or visiting?

If yes: specify any restrictions or conditions on visitors (e.g. length of stay, arrange with manager)

Yes No

You must register all guests who stay overnight or longer at The Unit, at the administrative office of the Village.

With our prior approval you may:

- (a) have guests stay in The Unit for three (3) or more consecutive nights up to a maximum of 14 consecutive nights;
- (b) allow a Visitor to use The Unit if you are not staying there at the same time;
- (c) have more than four (4) guests stay overnight in The Unit on any one night.

	<p>However, you may not have a Visitor live in The Unit or use The Unit for longer than 30 days in any 12 month period without our consent which we may give or deny in our absolute discretion.</p> <p>If we consent to a Visitor staying in The Unit for any period of time then we can revoke that consent at any time in our absolute discretion.</p>
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Village by-laws and village rules

<p>17.4 Does the village have village by-laws?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>By law, residents may, by special resolution at a residents meeting and with the agreement of the operator, make, change or revoke by-laws for the village.</i></p> <p><i>Note: See notice at end of document regarding inspection of village by-laws</i></p>
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<p>17.5 Does the operator have other rules for the village.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes: Rules may be made available on request</p>
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Resident input

<p>17.6 Does the village have a residents committee established under the Retirement Villages Act 1999?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>By law, residents are entitled to elect and form a residents committee to deal with the operator on behalf of residents about the day-to-day running of the village and any complaints or proposals raised by residents.</i></p> <p><i>You may like to ask the village manager about an opportunity to talk with members of the resident committee about living in this village.</i></p>
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Part 18 – Accreditation

<p>18.1 Is the village voluntarily accredited through an industry-based accreditation scheme?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, village is not accredited</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, village is voluntarily accredited through</p>
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Note: Retirement village accreditation schemes are industry-based schemes. The *Retirement Villages Act 1999* does not establish an accreditation scheme or standards for retirement villages.

Part 19 – Waiting list

<p>19.1 Does the village maintain a waiting list for entry?</p> <p>If yes,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> what is the fee to join the waiting list? 	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No fee</p>
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Access to documents

The following operational documents are held by the retirement village scheme operator and a prospective resident or resident may make a written request to the operator to inspect or take a copy of these documents free of charge. The operator must comply with the request by the date stated by the prospective resident or resident (which must be at least seven days after the request is given).

- Certificate of registration for the retirement village scheme
- Certificate of title or current title search for the retirement village land
- Village site plan
- Plans showing the location, floor plan or dimensions of accommodation units in the village
- An approved redevelopment plan for the village under the *Retirement Villages Act*
- An approved transition plan for the village
- An approved closure plan for the village
- Plans of any units or facilities under construction
- Development or planning approvals for any further development of the village
- The annual financial statements and report presented to the previous annual meeting of the retirement village
- Statements of the balance of the capital replacement fund or maintenance reserve fund or Income and expenditure for general services at the end of the previous three financial years of the retirement village
- Statements of the balance of any Body Corporate administrative fund or sinking fund at the end of the previous three years of the retirement village
- Examples of contracts that residents may have to enter into
- Village dispute resolution process
- Village by-laws
- Village insurance policies and certificates of currency
- A current public information document (PID) continued in effect under section 237I of the Act (this applies to existing residence contracts)

An example request form containing all the necessary information you must include in your request is available on the Department of Housing and Public Works website.

Further Information

If you would like more information, contact the Department of Housing and Public Works on 13 QGOV (13 74 68) or visit our website at www.hpw.qld.gov.au

General Information

General information and fact sheets on retirement villages: www.qld.gov.au/retirementvillages

For more information on retirement villages and other seniors living options: www.qld.gov.au/seniorsliving

Regulatory Services, Department of Housing and Public Works

Regulatory Services administers the *Retirement Villages Act 1999*. This includes investigating complaints and alleged breaches of the Act.

Department of Housing and Public Works

GPO Box 690, Brisbane, QLD 4001

Phone: 07 3008 3450

Email: regulatoryservices@hpw.qld.gov.au

Website: www.hpw.qld.gov.au/housing

Queensland Retirement Village and Park Advice Service (QRVPAS)

Specialist service providing free information and legal assistance for residents and prospective residents of retirement villages and manufactured home parks in Queensland.

Caxton Legal Centre Inc.

1 Manning Street, South Brisbane, QLD 4101

Phone: 07 3214 6333

Email: caxton@caxton.org.au

Website: www.caxton.org.au

Department of Human Services (Australian Government)

Information on planning for retirement and how moving into a retirement village can affect your pension

Phone: 132 300

Website: www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/subjects/age-pension-and-planning-your-retirement

Seniors Legal and Support Service

These centres provide free legal and support services for seniors concerned about elder abuse, mistreatment or financial exploitation.

Caxton Legal Centre Inc.

1 Manning Street, South Brisbane, QLD 4101

Phone: 07 3214 6333

Email: caxton@caxton.org.au

Website: <https://caxton.org.au>

Queensland Law Society

Find a solicitor

Law Society House

179 Ann Street, Brisbane, QLD 4000

Phone: 1300 367 757

Email: info@qls.com.au

Website: www.qls.com.au

Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT)

This independent decision-making body helps resolve disputes and reviews administrative decisions.

GPO Box 1639, Brisbane, QLD 4001

Phone: 1300 753 228

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Livable Housing Australia (LHA)

The Livable Housing Guidelines and standards have been developed by industry and the community to provide assurance that a home is easier to access, navigate and live in, as well as more cost effective to adapt when life's circumstances change.

Website: www.livablehousingaustralia.org.au/