



LIONS VILLAGE TORQUAY INC.

Staying in Touch

January 2017

From the President

On behalf of the Committee of Management, thank you for your interest in the Lions Village Torquay. We take a lot of pride in being able to offer quality accommodation to retired people in central Torquay. We work to ensure that the Village is run to benefit the current residents, as well as safeguarding the long term future of the Village, in such areas as buildings, finance and prospective residents. We are pleased that our not-for-profit Village, with a volunteer Committee of Management, is able to provide a desirable housing option to the Torquay community.

**Phillip Newson
President**

Unit transfers

The Lions Village has 29 units, with two floor plans. There are 23 A plan units, and 6 B plan units. During 2016, two A plan units changed hands. An additional A plan unit will be updated in early 2017, and we anticipate that it will be on the market around May 2017.

Village Improvements

The Village Committee has decided to go ahead with internal updates of all units as they become vacant, whenever possible. We are pleased that we will be able to offer incoming Residents units with new kitchens, new bathrooms, and new blinds and floor coverings in most circumstances.

The communal vegetable patches in the Village were re-made into raised garden beds in 2016. A number of new fruit trees have been established as espalier trees, due to the interest and input of Residents.

The Village continues to maintain the units to a high standard. Our friendly caretaker Gavin and reliable local contractors make sure that any problems with fixed appliances, such as hot water units, garage door motors etc are

solved quickly. If replacement is required, the cost is covered by the long term maintenance funds of the Village.

Social Events for Residents

The Residents of Lions Village have expanded their social calendar this year. In addition to regular the Happy Hour get together and monthly Birthday Dinner, many residents now meet for a weekly coffee morning. A monthly midday movie is enjoyed by many residents. Residents also roll out the indoor bowls mat before Happy Hour, for a friendly social game.

Residents have priority free access to the Village Centre, which provides a great space for gatherings of Residents, their friends and family.

Day tripping

Residents have enjoyed day trips once a quarter in 2016. They have visited Barwon Park in Winchelsea, the new Geelong Library and the Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie. Volunteer drivers from the Lions Club of Torquay and the Surf Coast Shire Community Bus combine to make an enjoyable day out for residents.

Community at the Village

The Village Centre is now hosting regular lectures for groups such as Torquay Museum Without Walls and U3A Surfcoast. Many of these are open to the public. The Lions Village Torquay is pleased to be able to offer the facilities of the Village Centre to community groups, as a way of staying connected to the wider Torquay community. It is also very convenient for residents!

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