



**LIONS VILLAGE TORQUAY INC.**

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### **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.

2020 was a challenging year for the Village, and our staff worked hard to keep everyone safe. We are pleased to have COVID-normal protocols in place, allowing popular social activities again.

**John McDonald**  
President

### **Unit transfers**

Two units had new residents in 2020. Both were 'A' plan units, and were beautifully renovated by the team at Silvercon Constructions. Licence premiums were \$450,000 and \$470,000.

The Village is currently fully occupied.

### **Village Improvements**

The library in the Village Centre has had a makeover, with stylish new lounge furniture and other décor items. It is a welcoming space to read a magazine, watch a movie on Netflix with neighbours, or relax with a book.

The Village also purchased an outdoor setting so residents can socialise outside during the warmer months. This will be matched with a shade sail, to be installed soon.

The popular Resident Benefit Program continues, with a twice-yearly rubbish bin clean to complement the annual spring clean service, covering window, kitchen appliance, oven and carpet cleaning.

### **Long Term Residents Asset Refurbishment Program**

The Village Committee of Management initiated a new fund, to assist long term residents with refurbishing their units. The Program is designed to assist residents who have lived in the Village

for 15 years or more, to replace fixtures or furnishings that may be worn out. So far, long term residents have accessed this fund to replace worn carpet, drapes and curtains. It is anticipated that residents may want to refresh internal paint, replace worn benches or cabinets, or replace other fittings in the future.

### **Social Activities Re-Start**

Much of 2020 was affected by the pandemic. Residents still enjoyed COVID-Safe activities like a Driveway Happy Hour, socially distanced ANZAC Day ceremony, and dinner delivery service from our regular caterers, Sullivans.

It's great to have exercise class, morning coffee, monthly dinner and happy hour operating again.

The Village hosts the Lions Club meetings in the Village Centre, as well as a U3A class, and looks forward to welcoming these groups back in 2021.

### **85 Geelong Road Development**

The east boundary of the Village adjoins a vacant site, 85 Geelong Road Torquay. In 2020, the owner submitted a development plan to the Surf Coast Shire Council, showing the full proposal.

The Village had a number of concerns about this plan, and pursued these objections through the Shire planning process and the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT). We were very pleased to negotiate a much better outcome for the Village than the original plan, with a 'benign' building and small deciduous trees along the shared boundary, among other changes. The developer has also agreed to a new 'acoustic' fence (extra thick to suppress noise), to be installed at their expense.

At this stage, we don't know when construction on this site will begin.

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