

Village Comparison Document

Retirement Villages Act 1999 (Section 74)

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ABN: 86 504 771 740



Name of village: Cascade Gardens Leisure & Retirement Village

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.cascadevillage.com.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 13 October 2022 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	<p>Retirement Village Name Cascade Gardens Leisure & Retirement Village</p> <p>Street Address 67 Cascade Street</p> <p>Suburb Raceview State Qld Post Code 4305</p>
1.2 Owner of the land on which the retirement village scheme is located	<p>Name of land owner Sherwood Constructions & Engineering Pty Ltd</p> <p>Australian Company Number (ACN) 010 179 932</p> <p>Address C/- 622 Wickham Street</p> <p>Suburb Fortitude Valley State Qld Post Code 4006</p> <p>Sherwood Constructions & Engineering Pty Ltd is the owner of the balance, undeveloped portion of the retirement village. There are currently 103 freehold community title residence in the retirement village and each of those are owned by either owner occupier residents of the retirement village or investors who rent them to occupier residents.</p>
1.3 Village operator	<p>Name of entity that operates the retirement village (scheme operator)</p> <p>Cascade Gardens Village Pty Ltd</p> <p>Australian Company Number (ACN) 078 939 161</p>

	<p>Address C/- 622 Wickham Street</p> <p>Suburb Fortitude Valley State Qld Post Code 4006</p> <p>Date entity became operator: 16 June 1997</p>
1.4 Village management and onsite availability	<p>Name of village management entity and contact details</p> <p>Previously Cascade Gardens Management Pty Ltd Australian Company Number (ACN) 078 939 205 under a caretaking agreement that has expired.</p> <p>PhoneEmail</p> <p>An onsite manager (or representative) is available to residents:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None available</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>Onsite availability includes:</p> <p>Weekdays</p> <p>Weekends</p>
1.5 Approved closure plan or transition plan for the retirement village	<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>
Part 2 – Age limits	
2.1 What age limits apply to residents in this village?	50 years of age or over
ACCOMMODATION, FACILITIES AND SERVICES	
Part 3 – Accommodation units: Nature of ownership or tenure	
3.1 Resident ownership or tenure of	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Freehold (owner resident)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lease (non-owner resident)</p>

the units in the village is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Licence (non-owner resident) <input type="checkbox"/> Share in company title entity (non-owner resident) <input type="checkbox"/> Unit in unit trust (non-owner resident) <input type="checkbox"/> Rental (non-owner resident) <input type="checkbox"/> Other
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Accommodation types

3.2 Number of units by accommodation type and tenure	There are 103 units in the village, comprising 103 single story units;
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Accommodation unit	Freehold	Leasehold	Licence	Other
Independent living units				
- Studio				
- One bedroom				
- Two bedroom	103			
- Three bedroom				
Serviced units				
- Studio				
- One bedroom				
- Two bedroom				
- Three bedroom				
Other				
Total number of units				

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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> all <input type="checkbox"/> some units
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Part 4 – Parking for residents and visitors

4.1 What car parking in the village is available for residents?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> all units with own garage or carport attached or adjacent to the unit Restrictions on resident's car parking include:
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4.2 Is parking in the village available for visitors? If yes, parking restrictions include	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 6pm to 8am entry via resident
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Part 5 – Planning and development

5.1 Is construction or development of the village complete?	Year village construction started <input type="checkbox"/> Fully developed / completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partially developed / completed <input type="checkbox"/> Construction yet to commence	
5.2 Construction, development applications and development approvals Provide details and timeframe of development or proposed development, including the final number and types of units and any new facilities.	Provide detail of any construction, development or redevelopment relating to the retirement village land, including details of any related development approval or development applications in accordance with the <i>Planning Act 2016</i> There is an existing development approval authorising construction of circa 45 additional residential dwellings (stages 7, 8 & 9) and approvals authorising reconfiguration and operational works for stage 7. The operational works have commenced. No timeframe has been set for completion of the remaining stages.	
5.3 Redevelopment plan under the Retirement Villages Act 1999	Is there an approved redevelopment plan for the village under the <i>Retirement Villages Act</i> ? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>The Retirement Villages Act may require a written redevelopment plan for certain types of redevelopment 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> Note: see notice at end of document regarding inspection of the development approval documents.	

Part 6 – Facilities onsite at the village

6.1 The following facilities are currently available to residents:	<input type="checkbox"/> Activities or games room <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and crafts room <input type="checkbox"/> Auditorium <input type="checkbox"/> BBQ area outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical consultation room <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool [outdoor]
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Billiards room <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling green [indoor/outdoor] <input type="checkbox"/> Business centre (e.g. computers, printers, internet access) <input type="checkbox"/> Chapel / prayer room <input type="checkbox"/> Communal laundries <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community room or centre <input type="checkbox"/> Dining room <input type="checkbox"/> Gardens <input type="checkbox"/> Gym <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hairdressing or beauty room <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Library	[not heated] <input type="checkbox"/> Separate lounge in community centre <input type="checkbox"/> Spa [indoor / outdoor] [heated / not heated] <input type="checkbox"/> Storage area for boats / caravans <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis court [full/half] <input type="checkbox"/> Village bus or transport <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop <input type="checkbox"/> Other
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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).

The community centre is leased from the Developer to the Body Corporate for Cascade Gardens Leisure & Retirement Village

6.2 Does the village have an onsite, attached, adjacent or co-located residential aged care facility?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Name of residential aged care facility and name of the approved provider

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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 fund paid by residents)?

A one off general service charge of a maximum of \$5,000.00 is charged on the sale of the independent living unit.

7.2 Are optional personal services provided or made available to residents on a user-pays basis?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Telephone services made available by third party: Cascade Enterprises Pty Ltd Contact: Lori Gurney - 0412 489 639
7.3 Does the retirement village operator provide government funded home care services under the <i>Aged Care Act 1997 (Cwth)</i>?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the operator is an Approved Provider of home care under the <i>Aged Care Act 1997</i> (Registered Accredited Care Supplier – RACS ID number) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, home care is provided in association with an Approved Provider <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, the operator does not provide home care services, residents can arrange their own home care services

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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
8.2 Does the village have an emergency help system?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - all residents <input type="checkbox"/> Optional <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
8.3 Does the village have equipment that provides for the safety or medical emergency of residents?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	
	- Studio	\$ to \$.....
	- One bedroom	\$ to \$.....
	- Two bedrooms	\$ 250,000.00 to \$ 509,000.00
	- Three bedrooms	\$ to \$.....
	Serviced units	
	- Studio	\$ to \$.....
	- One bedroom	\$ to \$.....
	- Two bedrooms	\$ to \$.....
	- Three bedrooms	\$ to \$.....
	Other	\$ to \$.....
	Full range of ingoing contributions for all unit types	\$ to \$.....
	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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
9.3 What other entry costs do residents need to pay?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transfer or stamp duty <input type="checkbox"/> Costs related to your residence contract <input type="checkbox"/> Costs related to any other contract e.g. <input type="checkbox"/> Advance payment of General Services Charge <input type="checkbox"/> Other costs	

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 Charges Fund 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)		
- Two bedrooms	The Scheme Operator charges a one off general service charge of no more than \$5,000.00 including GST when a lot owner sells their Independent Living Unit.	\$		

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 (range) (weekly)	Overall % change from previous year (+ or -)
	\$..... to \$.....%	\$..... to \$.....%
	\$..... to \$.....%	\$..... to \$.....%
	\$..... to \$.....%	\$.....to \$.....%

Units within a community title scheme only

Body Corporate fees and contributions are payable by residents in units that are within a community title scheme only. Where the resident owns the freehold unit, the body corporate fees are payable by the resident to the body corporate. For leasehold units, the body corporate fees may be passed on under the terms of the lease with the operator.

Current weekly rates of Body Corporate fees and sinking fund		
Type of Unit	Body Corporate Administrative Fund fee (weekly)	Body Corporate Sinking Fund contribution (weekly)
Independent Living Units		
- Two bedrooms	\$42.65	\$2.67

Last three years of Body Corporate Administrative Fund Fee and Sinking Fund contribution				
Financial year	Body Corporate Administrative Fund fee (weekly)	Overall % change from previous year (+ or -)	Sinking Fund contribution (range) (weekly)	Overall % change from previous year (+ or -)
2022	\$38.34	+13.87%	\$9.85	27.1%
2021	\$33.02	+0.67%	\$7.18	9.28%
2020	\$32.80	+0.01%	\$6.57	-15%

10.2 What costs relating to the units are not covered by the	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contents insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephone
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General Services Charge? (residents will need to pay these costs separately)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Home insurance (freehold units only) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electricity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pay TV <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unit fixtures <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unit fittings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unit appliances <input type="checkbox"/> None Additional information All as unit is sold as a freehold	
10.4 Does the operator offer a maintenance service or help residents arrange repairs and maintenance for their unit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No exit fee <input type="checkbox"/> Other	

11.2 What other exit costs do residents need to pay or contribute to?

- ☒ Sale costs for the unit
- ☒ Legal costs
- ☐ Other costs

12.1 Is the resident responsible for reinstatement of the unit when they leave the unit?

- ☐
- Yes
- ☒
- No

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:

- *fair wear and tear; and*
- *renovations and other changes to the condition of the unit carried out with agreement of the resident and operator.*

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.

Entry and exit inspections and reports are undertaken by the operator and resident to assess the condition of the unit.

12.2 Is the resident responsible for renovation of the unit when they leave the unit?

- ☒
- No

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.

Part 13– Capital gain or losses

13.1 When the resident's interest or right to reside in the unit is sold, does the resident share in the capital *gain* or capital *loss* on the resale of their unit?

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, the resident's share of the | capital gain is 100 % |
| the resident's share of the | capital loss is 100 % |

Part 14 – Exit entitlement or buyback of freehold units

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.

14.1 How is the exit entitlement which the operator will pay the resident worked out?	Not Applicable
14.2 When is the exit entitlement payable?	<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 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>
Freehold units only 14.2 Operator buyback of freehold units	<p><i>When a resident sells a freehold unit, the resident is entitled to receive the resale price from the person who purchases the unit. At that time the resident must pay any exit fee to the operator.</i></p> <p><i>By law, the operator must purchase the freehold unit from the former resident if it has not sold to a new resident within 18 months after the termination of the residence contract, unless the operator has been granted an extension for payment by QCAT</i></p>
14.3 What is the turnover of units for sale in the village?	<p>3 accommodation units were vacant as at the end of the last financial year</p> <p>15 accommodation units were resold during the last financial year</p> <p>3 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

15.1 What is the financial status for the funds that the operator is required to	General Services Charges Fund for the last 3 years			
	Financial Year	Deficit/Surplus	Balance	Change from previous year

maintain under the Retirement Villages Act 1999?			%
			%
			%
	Balance of General Services Charges Fund for last financial year <i>OR</i> last quarter if no full financial year available		\$.....	
	Balance of Maintenance Reserve Fund for last financial year <i>OR</i> last quarter if no full financial year available		<p>Not Applicable</p> <p>The Body Corporate for Cascade Gardens Leisure & Retirement Village CTS 24188 leases the community facility from Sherwood Construction and Engineering Pty Ltd. Pursuant to s 11 of the Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997 the community facility the subject of that lease is a body corporate asset. Section 178(1) of the Body Corporate and Community Management (Standard Module) Regulation 2008 ("Standard Module") requires the body corporate to insure all body corporate assets. Section 146 of the Standard Module requires the body corporate to maintain a sinking fund and administration fund and be used for any capital repair and maintenance of common property and body corporate asset.</p> <p>As the scheme operator has no assets there is no requirement to maintain a capital replacement fund.</p>	
	Balance of Capital Replacement Fund for the last financial year <i>OR</i> last quarter if no full financial year available		Not Applicable	
	<p>Percentage of a resident ingoing contribution applied to the Capital Replacement Fund</p> <p>The operator pays a percentage of a resident's ingoing contribution, as</p>		<p>The Body Corporate for Cascade Gardens Leisure & Retirement Village CTS 24188 leases the community facility from Sherwood Construction and Engineering Pty Ltd. Pursuant to s 11 of the Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997 the community facility the subject of</p>	

	<p>determined by a quantity surveyor's report, to the Capital Replacement Fund. This fund is used for replacing the village's capital items.</p>	<p>that lease is a body corporate asset. Section 178(1) of the Body Corporate and Community Management (Standard Module) Regulation 2008 ("Standard Module") requires the body corporate to insure all body corporate assets. Section 146 of the Standard Module requires the body corporate to maintain a sinking fund and administration fund and be used for any capital repair and maintenance of common property and body corporate asset. As the scheme operator has no assets there is no requirement to maintain a capital replacement fund.</p>
<p>OR <input type="checkbox"/> the village is not yet operating.</p>		

Part 15– Financial management of the Body Corporate

Note: All freehold community title scheme residents who own their unit are members of the body corporate.

<p>15.1 What is the financial status of the Body Corporate funds in a freehold village?</p>	<p>Administrative fund for the last 3 years</p>			
	Financial Year	Deficit/Surplus	Balance	Change from previous year
	2022	+\$10,461.79	\$84,141.67	13%
	2021	-\$18,829.42	\$73,679.88	-20%
	2020	+\$18,765.47	\$92,509.30	21%
	<p>Balance of the Sinking Fund to cover spending of a capital or non-recurrent nature for the last financial year OR last quarter if no full financial year available</p>			<p>\$238,242.98.</p>
<p>OR <input type="checkbox"/> the village is not yet operating.</p>				

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.

<p>16.1 Is the resident responsible for</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
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arranging any insurance cover? If yes, the resident is responsible for these insurance policies:	If yes, the resident is responsible for these insurance policies: The body corporate arranges public liability for the common property in relation the scheme land and building replacement insurance, which the owners pay for by paying an insurance levy to the body corporate but owners are required to effect their own public liability insurance in relation to the community title lot that they own.
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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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Pets

17.2 Are residents allowed to keep pets?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Visitors

17.3 Are there restrictions on visitors staying with residents or visiting?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Village by-laws and village rules

17.4 Does the village have village by-laws?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <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> <i>Note: See notice at end of document regarding inspection of village by-laws</i>
17.5 Does the operator have other rules for the village.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes: Rules may be made available on request

Resident input

17.6 Does the village have a residents committee established	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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under the <i>Retirement Villages Act 1999</i>?	<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

18.1 Is the village voluntarily accredited through an industry-based accreditation scheme?	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, village is not accredited</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, village is voluntarily accredited through: <i>[specify]</i>..... </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> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fee of \$..... which is</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> refundable on entry to the village</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> non-refundable</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
- ☐ Plans of any units or facilities under construction
- ☒ Development or planning approvals for any further development of 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
- ☐ 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 general services charges 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

Email: enquiries@qcat.qld.gov.au

Website: www.qcat.qld.gov.au

Department of Justice and Attorney-General

Dispute Resolution Centres provide a free, confidential and impartial mediation service to the community.

Phone: 07 3006 2518

Toll free: 1800 017 288

Website: www.justice.qld.gov.au

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/