



## **The Grapevine Report**

The 12<sup>th</sup> August meeting was very positive, a few apologies but attended by most reps. The highlight was Ben sharing with us, on screen, his working plan for annual preventative maintenance. It is an extensive list, far more than we have had inspected in years past. We hope he will address his plan with residents attending the Annual General Meeting to be held Wednesday 14 October. It affects our quality of life and will interest all residents.

Of the areas that concern us most, air conditioners will be cleaned every 3 months; gutter cleaning has been graded over three levels of need, depending on the number and type of trees nearby. Some inspections will only need to be done six-monthly, some annually. Ben is now tackling some of the issues we have been fighting for over the past few years.

You recently received a letter from Barossa Village seeking your permission to give to your Cluster representative your basic details so that they may relay to you quickly any information from Management that concerns your area. COVID discouraged us from door knocking, but a phone number or an email address will greatly assist. We hope you will return the form to the office quickly.

Another issue we have brought to Ben's attention is the discrepancies that occur in some residential addresses, especially in Villages and particularly on private roads such as River Road. The concern, of course, is for emergency services to find the right address when called. This is not proving an easy task. Council or Police have not been able to help so Ben will now concentrate on SA Ambulance Service. If you have a key box do remember to give your code to the operator if you need to call 000.

Tom reported on recent information sessions. A summary of the presentation by him and Ben on Energy and Power (about seniors concessions, choices to be made and cost savings) will be sent to all residents. Carl has just completed three evening sessions on Scams and Cyber Security, greatly appreciated by the 25 who attended - an amazing amount of eye opening information! He's open to repeats, and to developing new educational sessions.

But there was some bad news. Dean Galanos is retiring from the gardening team. We can hardly begrudge him wanting to enjoy what he has enabled us to enjoy in the last few years. We thank him and will miss him greatly, not just for the gardens but for the conversations we have been able to share with him. Dean, we wish you good health and another happy retirement.

The BVRA will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2021. The Constitution was based on one for commercial villages and could benefit from a review. We will put a motion to this effect to the AGM – and we will aim for a new Constitution to be written in plain English!

Carmel Devonish, Secretary, BVRA - September 2020.