



### **The Grapevine Report**

In the July issue of *SA Life*, there was an article about an all-year Swimming Club (members aged 43 to 86) at Second Valley. They hold an Annual General Meeting - the Minutes recorded that it lasted 14 seconds before they moved to beer and wine!

Unfortunately ours wasn't like that! By now residents would have read the Minutes of the 14 October 2020 AGM of BVRA, as published in the November Grapevine. As the details of the 2019- 2020 Maintenance Expenditure and 2020-2021 Budget relating to ILUs had not been through a formal consultation process with the Management Committee, further meetings were called in accordance with the amendments to the *Retirement Villages Act*. The Management Committee were satisfied that their questions had been satisfactorily answered so Management was advised in writing that the second meeting allowed for in the Act was not required.

A further General Meeting occurred on 16 November, all residents invited. At the conclusion of that meeting it was noted that Management's Report on Maintenance Expenditure and the Maintenance Budget had been received and that Maintenance fees through to the next AGM are set at \$194.00 per fortnight.

The usual Management Committee Meeting occurred on 11 November. Tom Falconer (River Road) will continue as President/Chairman and Robin Henry from Magnolia Street Cluster was appointed Vice President, and I (Maria Street) will continue this year as Secretary.

Ben reported on many ongoing activities. Reusch Centre is nearing refurbishment completion – it will be an Op Shop under Lisa Ognjanovic's guidance, an enquiry office for Barossa Village services and for general community activities. Refurbs are also going on for vacated units in Maria Street, Atze Parade and Schilling Street Angaston.

Of concern to us all was the Preventative Maintenance Schedule. Ben acknowledged it was presently 4-5 weeks behind, initially because of the COVID caused delay early in the year as well as his many additions to the list so that the team are not completing the tasks as quickly as hoped. He has no doubt that in time this will improve. If a resident is not at home the team will advise Ben and leave a calling card. The office will make contact to arrange a new time. All units will have preventative maintenance completed before Christmas ready to begin again in 2021.

One of the suggestions made was that when corporate cars are ready for changeover, consideration be given to makes and models that are easily accessed by elderly people. Unfortunately we don't bend as well as we used to!

Members were sad to hear of the death at 99 of Hank van der Wijngaart. Tom Falconer had seen him home after the movies on the previous Friday. With Hank hanging onto Tom's arm, they had gone up the path singing “...strolling along, singing a song, side by side.” Rest in peace, Hank.

The February meeting will consider the process through which the Constitution of the Residents' Association will be reviewed in its 10<sup>th</sup> year of operation.

Carmel Devonish, Secretary, BVRA – December 2020.