



## **The Grapevine Report**

The Management Committee have not met since the March issue of Grapevine was printed but President Tom Falconer and I have begun the process of reviewing our 10 year old Constitution.

Together with Robin Henry from Magnolia Street and Julie Smith from Angaston Schilling/North, Tom and I will meet on 25 March to pool our ideas of what needs changing, what will enhance our effectiveness as part of the Barossa Village Community and what would make a formal document simpler to comprehend. You are most welcome to give your ideas to your Reps or any of us in the course of this process.

We asked Barossa Village to suggest a "facilitator", someone outside of the organisation to help us with this task. Ben has introduced us to Barbara Chappell who has wide expertise in community building training through her business "Simply Speaking". She has worked with Government and non-Government agencies and organisations and will help us to take into account the views of all residents in decision making around a renewed Constitution.

Of course a Constitution is a legal document and whatever we come up with, based on the *Retirement Villages Act*, will have to be run past a legal adviser.

Before this stage we hope Barbara will come to a Management Committee meeting when we can consider the draft the working group comes up with. I note from her business card that Barbara has an MA in Conflict Management! I hope we won't have to call on her expertise in that area too much!

The next meeting of the Management Committee is on Wednesday 14 April 2021 at 1.30pm at Joy Rice Centre.

Carmel Devonish, Secretary, BVRA - April 2021.