



## **The Grapevine Report**

We missed Tom Herring at the 14<sup>th</sup> April Management Committee meeting, but Ben Hall satisfactorily answered our questions, as well as presented a quarterly budget update. Tom, with his long history as a carer, has been seconded to the Care section of Barossa Village services while a change-over of staff occurs. We will welcome you back Tom.

Ben had some great news! The Library established by Bob Sandercock several years ago has been inaccessible in recent times, and has been a wasted resource for many of us who at this time of life have renewed interest in and time for reading. A room will soon become available opposite the Pete Rosey Bar, close to the internal door of the Joy Rice Centre and possibly able to be accessed via the Courtyard, so it will be an excellent spot for a book room of sorts. It may be part library, part book exchange. Some of our keen readers will be on to it as soon as Ben gives the nod.

Ben noted a few Cluster issues which he will address with the Reps concerned in the near future. The Autumn rotation of preventative maintenance has begun with the garden team able to do hedging and trimming now that the warm weather has passed. They are keeping an eye on the weather for the appropriate time to turn off the auto watering system.

Three monthly air conditioner service is included in this rotation and we will also see Rick the Plumber visit to inspect hot water services, especially to check that tempering valves are all in order. Gutter cleaning comes next rotation, after Autumn leaf drop.

A fair bit of agro was expressed about the lateness of Grapevine. Historically it was distributed in the first week of a month. This hasn't happened for some time. It has been noted that about 60% of the Village clients do not have Internet services so the Grapevine is a very important communication tool within the Village community. It is unfortunate that by the time it has arrived (16 March, 12 April recently) many of the activities at the Joy Rice Centre are over.

A plea was also made for the website to be kept up to date, and to reconsider the Client Zone being at the very end of the site.

New Rep for Basedow, Karen Davidson, was welcomed to this meeting and Inge Fimmel, long time Rep for Park Avenue, tendered her resignation now that most residents have been transferred into other accommodation. Thank you, Inge, for your care of those residents.

Next meeting – Wednesday 9 June, 1.30pm Joy Rice Centre.

Carmel Devonish, Secretary, BVRA – May 2021.