



The Grapevine Report

Next meeting is coming up – **Wednesday 9 June**, 1.30pm Joy Rice Centre. It would be great to have Tom Herring back with us by that time.

In between meetings the working group of Tom Falconer, Julie Smith, Robin Henry and I have met a few times reviewing the Constitution which we expect will be put to the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 13 October 2021 for acceptance – hopefully! We think the name of the organisation is appropriate but will suggest a change to the by-line on the logo to reflect better what we are about. Community Consultant, Barbara Chappell, will help us with this when we meet with her on 24 May.

I recently had the opportunity to view the hydrotherapy pool and just how impressive it is! Carl showed me through the plant room. I wish I could explain some of the latest technology to you but he “blinded me with science”. The visit left me very grateful that Barossa Village has invested so much, admittedly with some Commonwealth and State contribution, into this wonderful facility. We look forward to more information about times and cost for community use. The change of season reminds me that I have another knee hinting at eventual replacement. Time to find the physio exercises from last time, shake out the bathers and hope that through water exercise I persuade it to hang on for a while yet.

The Maria Street Cluster of five units was built 12 years ago, and until last year, we had only one new resident. A 2020 vacancy left us a little anxious about new neighbours but in January we were pleased to welcome a new couple who fit in very well with us, as we discovered during “welcome drinks”. Now the maintenance team and contractors are about to start refurbishment of yet another unit, and so again we feel a little anxious about who will join us!

New residents, although well briefed by Village staff, do need help and advice from “the locals” when they move in – like when is bin day, what does (or rather what does not) go in the shared green bin, when does the automatic watering system change. If they are not from our area they may value advice about local medical and allied health services, hairdressers, coffee shops and other important information. It is valuable for Daniela to give them the name of their Cluster rep or someone to advise about moving in day – an unloading pantechinon in our driveway without prior notice can really cause problems for other residents who need to get out for appointments. Hopefully our next new neighbours will fit in with us as well as the last lot!

For those who have internet access, the 2019-20 Annual Report of Barossa Village Inc is now available on barossavillage.org (under Corporate) and is well worth a read.

Carmel Devonish, Secretary, BVRA – June 2021.