



The Grapevine Report

The post 2021 AGM Management Committee meeting was held on Wednesday 10 November, with new President, Robin Henry (Magnolia Street), welcoming new representatives.

Nominations were called for office bearers. Tom Falconer (River Road) was elected as vice president and Karen Davidson (Basedow Hof) secretary.

It was unfortunate that the *All About Aged Care Expo* run by Barossa Village at the Reusch Centre was scheduled for our meeting day. This prevented Tom Herring's attendance but in true Tom form, Ben had his report. Tom and Carl were pleased to meet with so many residents at their Clusters for the **annual bushfire and emergency planning consultations**, attended by many more than in previous years when input was centralised. We benefitted too from staff seeing and hearing our concerns about our sites.

Tom's "**Wellbeing Survey**" will be rolled out soon and our answers will give Management guidance on policies and activities to improve our quality of life in various areas such as health, safety, and living standards.

Ben is continuing to deal with the bin saga. BV pays Council for each bin every year as part of rates charges so it is important to have accurate numbers. The maintenance team are slightly behind because of **storm damage**. We appreciated hearing that when many residents reported damage during the hail the first question was "are you safe?" – and then clean-ups began. Barossa Village will work on restoring the many pergolas which were prime targets of the hail.

The big build continues at the Residency and the **hydro pool** is now showing good community use during the early hours of 6-9am – 83 attendances last month, highly praised by Phylip Nash nursing a new knee to full potential. A call is out for volunteers who hold a senior first aid certificate to be available to attend at the pool and thus allow some afternoon community hours.

Gutter cleaning is on the list for the next maintenance rotation. Residents may also notice electrician Leigh Goodman, BVs contract electrician doing a **safety audit**, when he attends to do other works especially around smoke alarms which must be within 3 metres of a bedroom. The library shift to a more accessible place is still a way off – but getting closer!

Many thanks for your help during my time as secretary. I am very happy to hand over to **Karen** and she can be assured of my continuing support as she settles into a very rewarding volunteer task for Barossa Village.

Carmel Devonish, Secretary, BVRA – December 2021.