



Barossa Village  
Residents Association  
*Independent Voice of Residents*

Our meeting was held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

**Ben's Report** - Ben introduced Yonna Taylor to the meeting and later, Yonna told us she has been in the role for two months having previously worked for the Barossa Council. During that time she said, her main focus has been on the prompt delivery of the Grapevine, social media, and tidying up the Barossa Village website which is a work in progress.

Ben said he is still wearing multiple hats with Simon's farewell still ongoing. Carl Helbig has been appointed Maintenance Manager commencing at the end of September. Until then reporting maintenance issues remains unchanged; contact reception or Ben to report issues.

One of Ben's first tasks, he said, is to complete next year's budget which will be presented at the BVRA meeting on 14 September 22.

Barossa Village is facilitating the opportunity for staff to move into new roles internally creating new pathways for change of career and retention of staff.

This week the Governor of SA, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson visited the Residency to experience the improvements firsthand and showed a genuine interest in the new complex. All building is progressing with most work to be completed in the next few weeks.

**Tom's Report** – Tom was unable to attend the meeting and in his absence Ben read Tom's report which detailed the 9 new residents and 3 ILU Residents that have passed away.

The new library room is near completion and will be used as a book exchange as well as books to borrow and return.

Most of Tom's time is spent in delivering welfare calls to ILU residents and many visits supporting residents in a variety of ways to help navigate the provision of service from both government and private agencies. With the onset of winter quite a few activities have schedule changes to enable residents to attend during the day and early evening.

**Cluster Issues** – The following issues were raised and discussed:

**Yvonne Wuttke, Scholz Ave** – Raised issues around green bin storage, a pathway being blocked and security lighting which Ben said he will discuss with Yvonne personally.

**Inge Fimmel, Heidrich and Maywald Crt** – Said that signage positioning for vehicles entering from Penrice Rd is confusing directing traffic to Maywald Crt, a no through Road. She asked if the signage could be repositioned to make it more visible.

**Carmel Devonish, Maria Street** – Spoke of Electricity Sales People door knocking residents in Maria Street.

**Robin Henry, Magnolia Street** – Said there were still six surplus green bins that needed to be returned to council.

Ben has noted all requests and will action them.

**General Business** - Ben spoke about our request to rename the library in recognition of Bob Sandercock. After discussion, the meeting agreed that a generic name e.g. "The BVRA Book Exchange and Library" would be more appropriate with a plaque installed recognising Mr Sandercock's contribution.

The Aged Care Reform has now been postponed by the Australian Government until July 2024 to allow more time for consultation. Accordingly, the Cluster information sessions proposed by Flora at the last meeting will be reorganised by Ben and Tom.

Gayle Sanderson asked about the monthly Happy Hour and whether an RSVP is necessary. Ben advised that no RSVP is necessary, attendees just need to bring their own drinks, nibbles and a share plate. the Barossa Village supplies the BBQ meat, all welcome.

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