

Village Comparison Document

Retirement Villages Act 1999 (Section 74)

ABN: 86 504 771 740

This form is effective from 1 February 2019

Name of village: BallyCara Retirement Village



Important information for the prospective resident

- The Village Comparison Document gives general information about the retirement village accommodation, facilities and services, including the general costs of moving into, living in and leaving the retirement village. This makes it easier for you to compare retirement villages.
- The *Retirement Villages Act 1999* requires a retirement village scheme operator to:
 - provide a copy of the Village Comparison Document to a prospective resident of the retirement village within seven days of receiving a request
 - include a copy of the Village Comparison Document with any promotional material given to a person, other than through a general distribution (e.g. mail-out)
 - publish the Village Comparison Document on the village's website so that the document, or a link to it appears prominently on each page of the website that contains, or has a link to, marketing material for the village
- You can access a copy of this Village Comparison Document on the village website at www.ballycara.com
- All amounts in this document are GST-inclusive, unless stated otherwise where that is permitted by law.

Notice for prospective residents

Before you decide whether to live in a retirement village, you should:

- Seek independent legal advice about the retirement village contract – there are different types of contracts and they can be complex
- Find out the financial commitments involved – in particular, you should understand and consider ingoing costs, ongoing fees and charges (which can increase) and how much it will cost you when you leave the village permanently
- Consider any impacts to any pensions, rate subsidies and rebates you currently receive
- Consider what questions to ask the village manager before signing a contract
- Consider whether retirement village living provides the lifestyle that is right for you. Moving into a retirement village is very different to moving into a new house. It involves buying into a village with communal facilities where usually some of the costs of this lifestyle are deferred until you leave the village. These deferred costs when you leave your unit may be significant.
- Seek further information and advice to help with making a decision that is right for you. Some useful contacts are listed at the end of this document, including:
 - Queensland Retirement Village and Park Advice Service (QRVPAS) which provides free information and legal assistance for residents and prospective residents of retirement village. See www.caxton.org.au or phone 07 3214 6333.
 - The Queensland Law Society which can provide a list of lawyers who practice retirement village law. See www.qls.com.au or phone: 1300 367 757.

More information

- If you decide to move into a retirement village, the operator will provide you with a

Prospective Costs Document for your selected unit, a residence contract and other legal documents.

- By law, you must have a copy of the Village Comparison Document, the Prospective Costs Document, the village by-laws, your residence contract and all attachments to your residence contract for at least 21 days before you and the operator enter into the residence contract. This is to give you time to read these documents carefully and seek professional advice about your legal and financial interests. You have the right to waive the 21-day period if you get legal advice from a Queensland lawyer about your contract.

The information in this Village Comparison Document is correct as at 1 February 2019 and applies to prospective residents.

Some of the information in this document may not apply to existing residence contracts.

Part 1 – Operator and management details

1.1 Retirement village location

Retirement Village Name: BallyCara Retirement Village
Street Address: 16B Oyster Point Esplanade
Suburb: Scarborough State: QLD Post Code: 4020

1.2 Owner of the land on which the retirement village scheme is located

Name of land owner: Hibernian (Qld) Friendly Society Ltd
Australian Company Number (ACN): 425 322 497
Address: 16B Oyster Point Esplanade
Suburb: Scarborough State: QLD Post Code: 4020

1.3 Village operator

Name of entity that operates the retirement village (scheme operator):
Hibernian (Qld) Friendly Society Ltd
Australian Company Number (ACN): 425 322 497
Address: 16B Oyster Point Esplanade
Suburb: Scarborough State: QLD Post Code: 4020
Date entity became operator: 1 July 2000

1.4 Village management and onsite availability

Name of village management entity and contact details:
Hibernian (Qld) Friendly Society Ltd
Australian Company Number (ACN): 425 322 497
Phone: 1300 272 222 Email: info@ballycara.com
An onsite manager (or representative) is available to residents:
 Full time
 Part time
 By appointment only

	<input type="checkbox"/> None available <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Onsite availability includes: Weekdays: 24/7 Weekends: 24/7
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Part 2 – Age limits

2.1 What age limits apply to residents in this village?	Applicants for residence in the village must be 65 years of age or over, or in the case of a joint application, at least one of the applicants must be 65 years of age or over.
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ACCOMMODATION, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Part 3 – Accommodation units: Nature of ownership or tenure

3.1 Resident ownership or tenure of the units in the village is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Freehold (owner resident) <input type="checkbox"/> Lease (non-owner resident) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Licence (non-owner resident) <input type="checkbox"/> Share in company title entity (non-owner resident) <input type="checkbox"/> Unit in unit trust (non-owner resident) <input type="checkbox"/> Rental (non-owner resident) <input type="checkbox"/> Other:.....
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Accommodation types

3.2 Number of units by accommodation type and tenure	There are 290 units in the village, comprising 206 single story units; 84 units in multi-story building with 6 levels			
Accommodation Unit	Freehold	Leasehold	Licence	Other
Independent living units			290	
- Studio			30	
- One bedroom			18	
- Two bedrooms			204	
- Three bedrooms			38	
Serviced units				
- Studio				
- One bedroom				
- Two bedrooms				
- Three bedrooms				
Other				
Total number of units			290	

Access and design

3.3 What disability access and design features do the units and the village contain?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level access from the street into and between all areas of the unit (i.e. no external or internal steps or stairs) in some units <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alternatively, a ramp, elevator or lift allows entry into some units <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Step-free (hobless) shower in some units <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Width of doorways allow for wheelchair access in some units <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toilet is accessible in a wheelchair in some units <input type="checkbox"/> Other key features in the units or village that cater for people with disability or assist residents to age in place:..... <input type="checkbox"/> None
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Part 4 – Parking for residents and visitors

4.1 What car parking in the village is available for residents?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Some units with own garage or carport attached or adjacent to the unit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Some units with own garage or carport separate from the unit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10 units with own car park space adjacent to the unit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Some units with own car park space separate from the unit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General car parking for residents in the village <input type="checkbox"/> Other parking e.g. caravan or boat: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 units with no car parking for residents <input type="checkbox"/> No car parking for residents in the village Restrictions on resident’s car parking include: N/A
4.2 Is parking in the village available for	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

visitors? If yes, parking restrictions include	Visitors must notify reception if staying for more than 24 hours.
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Part 5 – Planning and development

5.1 Is construction or development of the village complete?	Year village construction started: 1983 <input type="checkbox"/> Fully developed / completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partially developed / completed <input type="checkbox"/> Construction yet to commence
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5.2 Is there development approval or a development application pending for further development or redevelopment of the village? If yes to either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide details and timeframe of development or proposed development, including the final number and types of units and any new facilities. 	Development approval granted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No A current development approval has been obtained for the construction of a new community centre Development application pending <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Note: see notice at end of document regarding inspection of the development approval documents.
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Part 6 – Facilities onsite at the village

6.1 The following facilities are currently available to residents:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Activities or games room
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts and crafts room
<input type="checkbox"/> Auditorium
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BBQ area outdoors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Billiards room
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bowling green
[indoor / outdoor]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business centre (e.g. computers, printers, internet access)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chapel / prayer room
<input type="checkbox"/> Communal laundries
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community room or centre
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dining room
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gardens
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gym
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hairdressing or beauty room
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Library | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical consultation room
<input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant
<input type="checkbox"/> Shop
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool [indoor / outdoor]
[heated / not heated]
<input type="checkbox"/> Separate lounge in community centre
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spa [indoor / outdoor]
[heated / not heated]
<input type="checkbox"/> Storage area for boats / caravans
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis court [full/half]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village bus or transport
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Workshop
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
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Details about any facility that is not funded from the General Services Charge paid by residents or if there are any restrictions on access or sharing of facilities (e.g. with an aged care facility).

N/A

6.2 Does the village have an onsite, attached, adjacent or co-located residential aged care facility?

- Yes No
- Name of residential aged care facility and name of the approved provider: Hibernian Villa & Sunnyside Villa; Hibernian (Qld) Friendly Society Ltd

Note: Aged care facilities are not covered by the *Retirement Villages Act 1999 (Qld)*. The retirement village operator cannot keep places free or guarantee places in aged care for residents of the retirement village. To enter a residential aged care facility, you must be assessed as eligible by an Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) in accordance with the *Aged Care Act 1997 (Cwth)*. Exit fees may apply when you move from your retirement village unit to other accommodation and may involve entering a new contract.

Part 7 – Services

<p>7.1 What services are provided to all village residents (funded from the General Services Charge paid by residents)?</p>	<p>General services provided with the accommodation unit including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management and administration; • Gardening and minor maintenance; • Recreation or entertainment facilities; • Other services as detailed in the general services budget for the village, which is available upon request.
<p>7.2 Are optional personal services provided or made available to residents on a user-pays basis?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>The following personal services are available to residents on a user-pays basis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support with showers and care; - Medication / meal prompts; - Wellness checks; - Laundry; - Cleaning (basic); - Escorts; - Physiotherapy; - Occupational therapy; - Art therapy; - Exercise physiology; and - Wellness program.
<p>7.3 Does the retirement village operator provide government funded home care services under the <i>Aged Care Act 1997 (Cwth)</i>?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, the operator is an Approved Provider of home care under the <i>Aged Care Act 1997</i> (Registered Accredited Care Supplier – RACS ID number 5463)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, home care is provided in association with an Approved Provider</p> <p>.....</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No, the operator does not provide home care services, residents can arrange their own home care services</p>
<p>Note: Some residents may be eligible to receive a Home Care Package, or a Commonwealth Home Support Program subsidised by the Commonwealth Government if assessed as eligible by an aged care assessment team (ACAT) under the <i>Aged Care Act 1997 (Cwth)</i>. These home care services are not covered by the <i>Retirement Villages Act 1999 (Qld)</i>. Residents can choose their own approved Home Care Provider and are not obliged to use the retirement village provider, if one is offered.</p>	

Part 8 – Security and emergency systems

<p>8.1 Does the village have a security system?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>..... am andpmdays per week.</p>
<p>8.2 Does the village have an emergency help system?</p> <p>If yes or optional:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the emergency help system details are: the emergency help system is monitored between: 	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes - all residents <input type="checkbox"/> Optional <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Emergency call system installed in all units and residents have a pendant that can be used in case of emergency. Onsite staff attend all emergency calls and call outs.</p> <p>12:00am and 11:59pm 7 days per week.</p>
<p>8.3 Does the village have equipment that provides for the safety or medical emergency of residents?</p> <p>If yes, list or provide details e.g. first aid kit, defibrillator</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>The village has a 24 hour 7 days a week emergency response team member who is trained in the provision of first aid. Staff are equipped with a first aid kit, emergency call telephone for calling 000, as well as all resident medical information and next of kin contacts.</p>

COSTS AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Part 9 – Ingoing contribution - entry costs to live in the village

An ingoing contribution is the amount a prospective resident must pay under a residence contract to secure a right to reside in the retirement village. The ingoing contribution is also referred to as the sale price or purchase price. It does not include ongoing charges such as rent or other recurring fees.

9.1 What is the estimated ingoing contribution (sale price) range for all types of units in the village	Accommodation Unit	Range of ingoing contribution
	Independent living units	
	- Studio	\$118,000 to \$118,000
	- One bedroom	\$225,000 to \$365,000
	- Two bedrooms	\$320,000 to \$465,000
	- Three bedrooms	\$407,000 to \$690,000
	Serviced units	
	- Studio	N/A
	- One bedroom	N/A
	- Two bedrooms	N/A
	- Three bedrooms	N/A
	Other	N/A
	Full range of ingoing contributions for all unit types	\$118,000 to \$690,000

9.2 Are there different financial options available for paying the ingoing contribution and exit fee or other fees and charges under a residence contract?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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9.3 What other entry costs do residents need to pay?	<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer or stamp duty <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Costs related to your residence contract <input type="checkbox"/> Costs related to any other contract e.g. <input type="checkbox"/> Advance payment of General Services Charge <input type="checkbox"/> Other costs:
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Part 10 – Ongoing Costs - costs while living in the retirement village

General Services Charge: Residents pay this charge for the general services supplied or made available to residents in the village, which may include management and administration, gardening and general maintenance and other services or facilities for recreation and entertainment described at 7.1.

Maintenance Reserve Fund contribution: Residents pay this charge for maintaining and repairing (but not replacing) the village's capital items e.g. communal facilities, swimming pool. This fund may or may not cover maintaining or repairing items in your unit, depending on the terms of your residence contract.

The budgets for the General Services Charge and the Maintenance Reserve Fund are set each financial year and these amounts can increase each year. The amount to be held in the Maintenance Reserve Fund is determined by the operator using a quantity surveyor's report.

Note: The following ongoing costs are all stated as weekly amounts to help you compare the costs of different villages. However, the billing period for these amounts may not be weekly.

10.1 Current weekly rates of General Services Charge and Maintenance Reserve Fund contribution

Type of Unit	General Services Charge (weekly)	Maintenance Reserve Fund contribution (weekly)
Independent Living Units		
- Studio	\$70.50	\$8.20
- One bedroom	\$80.20	\$10.16
- Two bedrooms	\$88.31	\$11.91
- Three bedrooms	\$125.90	\$17.84

Last three years of General Services Charge and Maintenance Reserve Fund contribution

Financial year	General Services Charge (range) (weekly)	Overall % change from previous year	Maintenance Reserve Fund contribution (range) (weekly)	Overall % change from previous year (+ or -)
16/17	\$70.50 to \$130.84	+1%	\$8.22 to \$16.38	+1%
17/18	\$69.46 to \$128.91	+1.47%	\$8.10 to \$16.14	+1.47%
18/19	\$68.77 to \$127.63	+0.99%	\$8.02 to \$15.98	+0.99%

10.2 What costs relating to the units are not covered by the General Services Charge? (residents will need to pay these costs separately)

- Contents insurance
- Home insurance (freehold units only)
- Electricity
- Gas

- Water
- Telephone
- Internet
- Pay TV
- Other:

10.3 What other ongoing or occasional costs for repair, maintenance and replacement of items in, on or attached to the units are residents responsible for and pay for while residing in the unit?

- Unit fixtures
- Unit fittings
- Unit appliances
- None

Additional information: All fixtures, fittings and appliances that are provided when moving in are maintained under the General Services Charge and Maintenance Reserve Fund. The cost of replacing these items is covered by the Capital Replacement Fund. The resident is responsible for the costs for repair, maintenance and replacement of any items not supplied by the operator upon entry.

Residents are also responsible for consumables within their villa or

	unit. An example of these items are light bulbs, batteries for smoke alarms etc.
<p>10.4 Does the operator offer a maintenance service or help residents arrange repairs and maintenance for their unit?</p> <p>If yes: provide details, including any charges for this service.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Residents have access to an in-house maintenance service for tasks such as hanging pictures, shifting furniture, garden maintenance etc.</p> <p>Tasks are charged at a minimum of 1 hour for the first hour, followed by 15 minute increments after that. Hourly rates of \$40.00 or less per hour apply.</p>

Part 11– Exit fees - when you leave the village

A resident may have to pay an exit fee to the operator when they leave their unit or when the right to reside in their unit is sold. This is also referred to as a 'deferred management fee' (DMF).

<p>11.1 Do residents pay an exit fee when they permanently leave their unit?</p> <p>If yes: list all exit fee options that may apply to new contracts</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes – all residents pay an exit fee calculated using the same formula</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes – all new residents pay an exit fee but the way this is worked out may vary depending on each resident's residence contract</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No exit fee</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>The exit fee is calculated based on the ingoing contribution paid by the resident.</p>
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Time period from date of occupation of unit to the date the resident ceases to reside in the unit	Exit fee calculation based on
1 year	10% of your ingoing contribution
2 years	15% of your ingoing contribution
3 years	20% of your ingoing contribution
4 years	25% of your ingoing contribution
5 years or more	30% of your ingoing contribution

Note: if the period of occupation is not a whole number of years, the exit fee will be worked out on a daily basis.

The maximum (or capped) exit fee is 30% of the ingoing contribution after 5 years of residence.

The minimum exit fee is 10% of the ingoing contribution.

<p>11.2 What other exit costs do residents</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Sale costs for the unit</p>
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need to pay or contribute to?	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other costs: Administration fee for contract preparation
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Part 12 – Reinstatement and renovation of the unit

12.1 Is the resident responsible for reinstatement of the unit when they leave the unit?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Reinstatement work means replacements or repairs that are reasonably necessary to return the unit to the same condition it was in when the resident started occupation, apart from:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fair wear and tear; and • renovations and other changes to the condition of the unit carried out with agreement of the resident and operator. <p><i>Fair wear and tear includes a reasonable amount of wear and tear associated with the use of items commonly used in a retirement village. However, a resident is responsible for the cost of replacing a capital item of the retirement village if the resident deliberately damages the item or causes accelerated wear.</i></p> <p>Entry and exit inspections and reports are undertaken by the operator and resident to assess the condition of the unit.</p>
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12.2 Is the resident responsible for renovation of the unit when they leave the unit?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>Renovation means replacements or repairs other than reinstatement work.</i> <p>By law, the operator is responsible for the cost of any renovation work on a former resident’s unit, unless the residence contract provides for the resident to share in the capital gain on the sale of the resident’s interest in the unit. Renovation costs are shared between the former resident and operator in the same proportion as any capital gain is to be shared under the residence contract.</p>
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Part 13– Capital gain or losses

13.1 When the resident’s interest or right to reside in the unit is sold, does the resident share in the capital <i>gain</i> or capital <i>loss</i> on the resale of their unit?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Part 14 – Exit entitlement

An exit entitlement is the amount the operator may be required to pay the former resident under a residence contract after the right to reside is terminated and the former resident has left the unit.

<p>14.1 How is the exit entitlement which the operator will pay the resident worked out?</p>	<p>The exit entitlement is equal to the ingoing contribution paid by the resident, LESS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the exit fee; - any outstanding personal or general services charges; - any costs of any reinstatement payable by the resident; - any costs associated with the removal and storage of the resident's contents; - any expenses the operator is entitled to charge under the Act or the resident agreement incurred in the resale of the unit; - the operator's legal costs on resale of the unit; - any interest on overdue monies; and - any other monies owing by the resident under the residence agreement or the Act.
<p>14.2 When is the exit entitlement payable?</p>	<p>By law, the operator must pay the exit entitlement to a former resident on or before the earliest of the following days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the day stated in the residence contract <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ which is 6 months after the termination of the residence contract • 14 days after the settlement of the sale of the right to reside in the unit to the next resident or the operator • 18 months after the termination date of the resident's right to reside under the residence contract, even if the unit has not been resold, unless the operator has been granted an extension for payment by the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT). <p>In addition, an operator is entitled to see probate or letters of administration before paying the exit entitlement of a former resident who has died.</p>
<p>14.3 What is the turnover of units for sale in the village?</p>	<p>7 accommodation units were vacant as at the end of the last financial year</p> <p>15 accommodation units were resold during the last financial year</p> <p>4 months was the average length of time to sell a unit over the last three financial years</p>

Part 15– Financial management of the village

15.1 What is the financial status for the funds that the operator is required to maintain under the Retirement Villages Act 1999?

General Services Charges for the last 3 years		
Financial Year	Deficit/Surplus	Change from previous year
15/16	\$854.00	-22%
16/17	\$645.00	-24%
17/18	\$917.00	+42%
Balance of Maintenance Reserve Fund for last financial year <i>OR</i> last quarter if no full financial year available		\$133,10.00
Balance of Capital Replacement Fund for the last financial year <i>OR</i> last quarter if no full financial year available		\$370,478.00
Percentage of a resident ingoing contribution applied to the Capital Replacement Fund		0%
The operator pays a percentage of a resident’s ingoing contribution, as determined by a quantity surveyor’s report, to the Capital Replacement Fund. This fund is used for replacing the village’s capital items.		The operator pays the amount fixed under the CRF budget to the CRF (s 93(b) of the Retirement Villages Act 1999). The amount payable for the 2019 financial year was \$390,478.00.

OR
 the village is not yet operating.

Part 16 – Insurance

The village operator must take out general insurance, to full replacement value, for the retirement village, including for:

- communal facilities; and
- the accommodation units, other than accommodation units owned by residents.

Residents contribute towards the cost of this insurance as part of the General Services Charge.

16.1 Is the resident responsible for arranging any insurance cover?
 If yes, the resident is responsible for these insurance policies:

Yes No

If yes, the resident is responsible for these insurance policies:

Residents are responsible for insuring and paying the cost to insure the contents of the unit that are owned by the residents and keeping them insured against loss, theft, damage or destruction. The operator will not pay the cost to insure the contents of the unit that are owned by residents.

Part 17 – Living in the village

Trial or settling in period in the village

17.1 Does the village offer prospective residents a trial period or a settling in period in the village?

Yes No

Pets

17.2 Are residents allowed to keep pets?

Yes No

If yes: specify any restrictions or conditions on pet ownership

A Resident shall not, without the approval in writing of the Society, keep any animal upon his unit or villa as the case may be or the common property.

Visitors

17.3 Are there restrictions on visitors staying with residents or visiting?

Yes No

If yes: specify any restrictions or conditions on visitors (e.g. length of stay, arrange with manager)

Residents are to advise the operator if they will have a guest staying for longer than 24 hours for emergency purposes. Residents must seek approval from the operator for guests staying longer than 7 days.

Village by-laws and village rules

17.4 Does the village have village by-laws?

Yes No

By law, residents may, by special resolution at a residents meeting and with the agreement of the operator, make, change or revoke by-laws for the village.

Note: See notice at end of document regarding inspection of village by-laws

17.5 Does the operator have other rules for the village.

Yes No

If yes: Rules may be made available on request

Resident input

17.6 Does the village have a residents committee established under the Retirement Villages Act 1999?

Yes No

By law, residents are entitled to elect and form a residents committee to deal with the operator on behalf of residents about the day-to-day running of the village and any complaints or proposals raised by residents.

You may like to ask the village manager about an opportunity to talk with members of the resident committee about living in this village.

Part 18 – Accreditation

18.1 Is the village voluntarily accredited through an industry-based accreditation scheme?

- No, village is not accredited
- Yes, village is voluntarily accredited through:.....

Note: Retirement village accreditation schemes are industry-based schemes. The *Retirement Villages Act 1999* does not establish an accreditation scheme or standards for retirement villages.

Part 19 – Waiting list

19.1 Does the village maintain a waiting list for entry?

- Yes No

If yes,

- what is the fee to join the waiting list?

- No fee

Access to documents

The following operational documents are held by the retirement village scheme operator and a prospective resident or resident may make a written request to the operator to inspect or take a copy of these documents free of charge. The operator must comply with the request by the date stated by the prospective resident or resident (which must be at least seven days after the request is given).

- Certificate of registration for the retirement village scheme
- Certificate of title or current title search for the retirement village land
- Village site plan
- Plans showing the location, floor plan or dimensions of accommodation units in the village
- Plans of any units or facilities under construction
- Development or planning approvals for any further development of the village
- The annual financial statements and report presented to the previous annual meeting of the retirement village
- Statements of the balance of the capital replacement fund or maintenance reserve fund or Income and expenditure for general services at the end of the previous three financial years of the retirement village
- Statements of the balance of any Body Corporate administrative fund or sinking fund at the end of the previous three years of the retirement village
- Examples of contracts that residents may have to enter into
- Village dispute resolution process
- Village by-laws
- Village insurance policies and certificates of currency
- A current public information document (PID) continued in effect under section 237I of the Act (this applies to existing residence contracts)

An example request form containing all the necessary information you must include in your request is available on the Department of Housing and Public Works website.

Further Information

If you would like more information, contact the Department of Housing and Public Works on 13 QGOV (13 74 68) or visit our website at www.hpw.qld.gov.au

General Information

General information and fact sheets on retirement villages: www.qld.gov.au/retirementvillages

For more information on retirement villages and other seniors living options: www.qld.gov.au/seniorsliving

Regulatory Services, Department of Housing and Public Works

Regulatory Services administers the *Retirement Villages Act 1999*. This includes investigating complaints and alleged breaches of the Act.

Department of Housing and Public Works

GPO Box 690, Brisbane, QLD 4001

Phone: 07 3008 3450

Email: regulatoryservices@hpw.qld.gov.au

Website: www.hpw.qld.gov.au/housing

Queensland Retirement Village and Park Advice Service (QRVPAS)

Specialist service providing free information and legal assistance for residents and prospective residents of retirement villages and manufactured home parks in Queensland.

Caxton Legal Centre Inc.

1 Manning Street, South Brisbane, QLD 4101

Phone: 07 3214 6333

Email: caxton@caxton.org.au

Website: www.caxton.org.au

Department of Human Services (Australian Government)

Information on planning for retirement and how moving into a retirement village can affect your pension

Phone: 132 300

Website: www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/subjects/age-pension-and-planning-your-retirement

Seniors Legal and Support Service

These centres provide free legal and support services for seniors concerned about elder abuse, mistreatment or financial exploitation.

Caxton Legal Centre Inc.

1 Manning Street, South Brisbane, QLD 4101

Phone: 07 3214 6333

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Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT)

This independent decision-making body helps resolve disputes and reviews administrative decisions.

GPO Box 1639, Brisbane, QLD 4001
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Department of Justice and Attorney-General

Dispute Resolution Centres provide a free, confidential and impartial mediation service to the community.

Phone: 07 3006 2518
Toll free: 1800 017 288
Website: www.justice.qld.gov.au

Livable Housing Australia (LHA)

The Livable Housing Guidelines and standards have been developed by industry and the community to provide assurance that a home is easier to access, navigate and live in, as well as more cost effective to adapt when life's circumstances change.

Website: www.livablehousingaustralia.org.au/