# **Retirement Villages**

## **Village Comparison Document**

Retirement Villages Act 1999 (Section 74)

## This form is effective from 1 February 2019

## Name of village: Stretton Gardens Retirement Estate

## 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.sccqld.com.au/locations/stretton-gardens-2
- 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 23 July 2024 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: Stretton Gardens Retirement Estate			
	Street Address: 209 Illaweena Street			
	Suburb: Drewvale State: Qld Post Code: 4116			
1.2 Owner of the land on which the	Name of land owner: Southern Cross Care (Qld) Ltd			
retirement village scheme is located	Australian Company Number (ACN): 627 193 962			
	Address: 2078 Logan Road			
	Suburb: Upper Mount Gravatt State: Qld Post Code: 4122			
1.3 Village operator	Name of entity that operates the retirement village (scheme operator)			
	Southern Cross Care (Qld) Ltd			
	Australian Company Number (ACN): 627 193 962			
	Address: 2078 Logan Road			
	Suburb: Upper Mount Gravatt State: Qld Post Code: 4122			
	Date entity became operator: 27 October 2009 (Scheme Operator formerly known as Southern Cross Care (Qld) Inc.)			
	Is there an approved transition plan for the village? $\boxtimes$ No			
	Is there an approved closure plan for the village? $\boxtimes$ No			

1.4 Village	Name of village n	nanagement er	ntity and contact det	ails:	
management and onsite availability	Southern Cross (	Care (Qld) Ltd	·		
	Australian Company Number (ACN): 627 193 962				
	Phone: 07 3422 3862 Email: enquiries@sccqld.com.au				
	An onsite manager (or representative) is available to residents:				
	⊠ Full time				
	Onsite availability	/ includes:			
	Weekdays: Mond	lays to Fridays			
	Weekends: Not A	Applicable			
1.5 Approve closure plans and transition plans for the	Is there an appro ⊠ No	ved transition p	blan for the village?		
retirement village	Is there an appro ⊠ No	ved closure pla	an for the village?		
Part 2 – Age limits					
2.1 What age limits apply to residents in this village?	65 Years of age o	or over			
	ACILITIES AND SERVICES ion units: Nature of ownership or tenure				
3.1 Resident	Lease (non-ov		tenure		
ownership or tenure of the units in the village is:					
Accommodation types					
3.2 Number of units by accommodation type and tenure	There are 93 units	in the village, co	omprising all single sto	prey units	
Accommodation unit	Freehold	Leasehold	Licence	Other	
Independent living units		93			
Other		92			
- Two Bedrooms Plus Study					
- Three bedroom		1			
Total number of units		93			

Access and design	
3.3 What disability	None. Please note that the retirement village has not been assessed as disability compliant.
access and design features do the units	assessed as disability compliant.
and the village	
contain?	
Part 4 – Parking for res	idents and visitors
4.1 What car parking	$\boxtimes$ All units with own car park space separate from the unit
in the village is available for	Restrictions on resident's car parking include:
residents?	<ul> <li>Not to park any motor vehicle on any part of the Village other than an area set aside by the Operator for that purpose.</li> <li>Not to obstruct the roads, pathways, entrances, exits and driveways in or about the Retirement Village or to use them for any purpose other than for reasonable ingress and egress to and from the Accommodation Unit or the Retirement Village.</li> <li>Not to prevent or hinder the access of any other resident of the Retirement Village to their Accommodation Unit.</li> </ul>
4.2 Is parking in the	⊠ Yes
village available for visitors?	No current restrictions
If yes, parking restrictions include	
Part 5 – Planning and d	evelopment
5.1 Is construction or development of the village complete?	Year village construction started 2009 (Note: the Scheme Operator reserves the right to carry out future development of the village in accordance with the Act and Residence Contract)
	Partially developed / completed
	Stage 1 (Units 1-18A) completed 06/10/2010
	Stage 2 (Units 19-37) completed 12/04/2011
	Stage 3 (Units 38-58) completed 27/01/2016
	Stage 4 (Units 59-74) completed 03/12/2019
	Stage 5 (Units 75-92) completed 31/01/2020
5.2 Construction, development applications and development approvals	Provide detail of any construction, development or redevelopment relating to the retirement village land, including details of any related development approval or development applications in accordance with the <i>Planning Act 2016</i>
Provide details and timeframe of development or proposed development, including the final number and types of	Not Applicable

units and any new facilities.			
5.3 Redevelopment plan under the <i>Retirement Villages</i>	Is there an approved redevelopment plan for the village under the <i>Retirement Villages Act</i> ?		
Act 1999	🖾 No		
Part 6 – Facilities onsite	at the village		
6.1 The following	imes Arts and crafts room	Separate lounge in community	
facilities are currently available to residents:	BBQ area outdoors	centre	
	☐ Community room or centre	🖾 Spa	
	<ul> <li>☑ Gardens</li> <li>☑ Gym</li> <li>☑ Hairdressing or beauty room*</li> </ul>	⊠ Outdoor ⊠ Heated	
		<ul><li>Tennis Court (full)</li><li>Village bus or transport*</li></ul>	
	⊠ Library	⊠ Other	
	oxtimes Medical consultation room	Recreational/social facilities	
	Swimming pool	Note:	
	⊠ Outdoor	*Facility is shared with Aged Care	
	⊠ Heated	Facility	

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).

- Service provider fees are not funded from the General Services Charge. Residents are to pay directly to their service provider for the cost of the service when using the hairdressing/beauty room and medical consultation room.
- Art supplies are not funded from the General Services Charge. Residents are to provide their own art supplies when using art and crafts room.
- Access cards issued to residents are required to access some facilities after hours.

6.2 Does the village have an onsite, attached, adjacent or co-located residential aged care facility? Yes Name of residential aged care facility and name of the approved provider: The Aged Care Facility known as Southern Cross Care Stretton Gardens is operated by Southern Cross Care (Qld) Ltd and is located on the same property as the Retirement Village.
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**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

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7.1 What services are provided to all village residents (funded from the General Services Charge fund paid by residents)?	<ul> <li>Management and administration;</li> <li>Gardening and day to day maintenance of village facilities;</li> <li>Emergency call service (subject to the Resident at all times maintaining a telephone connection to the Accommodation Unit);</li> <li>Access to the village facilities (including community centre, swimming pool and spa, village bus and tennis court);</li> <li>Services as detailed each year in the operating budget for the Retirement Village.</li> </ul>
7.2 Are optional personal services provided or made available to residents on a user-pays basis?	⊠ No
7.3 Does the retirement village operator provide government funded home care services under the Aged Care Act 1997 (Cwth)?	⊠ 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 5595)
Home Support Program s an aged care assessment services are not covered <b>Residents can choose t</b>	ay be eligible to receive a Home Care Package, or a Commonwealth subsidised by the Commonwealth Government if assessed as eligible by t team (ACAT) under the <i>Aged Care Act 1997 (Cwth)</i> . These home care by the <i>Retirement Villages Act 1999</i> (Qld). <b>heir own approved Home Care Provider and are not obliged to use</b> <b>rovider, if one is offered</b> .
8.1 Does the village have a security system?	⊠ Yes
<ul> <li>If yes:</li> <li>The security system details are:</li> <li>The security system is monitored between:</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Nightly security patrol provided by security company</li> <li>Nightly 7 days per week</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>8.2 Does the village have an emergency help system?</li> <li>If yes or optional:</li> <li>The emergency help system details are:</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Yes - all residents</li> <li>Emergency help system (base unit and pendant) monitored externally by Tunstall</li> <li>24 hours, 7 days per week</li> </ul>

• The emergency help system is monitored between:			
8.3 Does the village have equipment that provides for the safety or medical emergency of residents?	<ul><li>Yes</li><li>First aid kit</li><li>Fire extingution</li></ul>		
COSTS AND FINANC	IAL MANAGEN	IENT	
Part 9 – Ingoing contrib	ution - entry costs	s to live i	n the village
to secure a right to reside	in the retirement v	illage. Th	esident must pay under a residence contract ne ingoing contribution is also referred to as ngoing charges such as rent or other
9.1 What is the	Accommodation		Range of ingoing contribution
estimated ingoing contribution (sale	Independent living units - Two bedrooms		\$550,000.00 to \$620,000.00
price) range for all types of units in the village	<ul> <li>Two bedrooms (with study)</li> </ul>		\$620,000.00 to \$720,000.00
vinage	- Three bedrooms		\$780,000.00
	Full range of ingoing contributions for all unit types		\$550,000.00 to \$720,000.00
9.2 Are there different financial options available for paying	⊠ Yes		
the ingoing contribution and exit fee or other fees and charges under a residence contract?Capital Share OptionUnder the Capital Share Option, the Resid • pays an ingoing contribution • is entitled to share 50% of capital gain • is liable to share 50% of capital loss (if • pays a minimum of 12% divided by 36 day) exit fee of the Ingoing Contribution		an ingoing contribution itled to share 50% of capital gain (if any) le to share 50% of capital loss (if any) a minimum of 12% divided by 365 (i.e. 1 exit fee of the Ingoing Contribution amount ing the resident a maximum 36% exit fee (calculated on a ita basis) of the Ingoing Contribution	
	<u>Option</u>	<ul> <li>Under the Upfront Value Option, the Resident:</li> <li>pays an ingoing contribution.</li> <li>receives an agreed Discount Amount.</li> <li>is not entitled to capital gain (if any)</li> <li>is not liable for capital loss (if any)</li> <li>pays a minimum 12% divided by 365 (i.e. 1 day exit of the Ingoing Contribution amount applyin to the resident</li> </ul>	

		• pays a maximum 34% exit fee (calculated on a pro-rata basis) of the Ingoing Contribution amount applying to the resident.	
	<u>Future</u> <u>Savings</u> <u>Option</u>	<ul> <li>Under the Future Savings Option, the Resident:</li> <li>pays an ingoing contribution.</li> <li>is not entitled to capital gain (if any)</li> <li>is not liable for capital loss (if any)</li> <li>pays a minimum 12% divided by 365 (i.e. 1 day exit of the Ingoing Contribution amount applying the resident</li> <li>pays a maximum 30% exit fee (calculated on a pro-rata basis) of the Ingoing Contribution amount applying to the resident.</li> </ul>	
9.3 What other entry costs do residents need to pay?	<ul> <li>Other costs (s</li> <li>Conveya</li> <li>Titles of</li> </ul>	to your residence contract specify) ance and settlement fee \$1,914.00 fice registration fees \$275.54* nounts are subject to change as notified in writing)	*

#### 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 Charges Fund 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)
All units pay a flat rate	\$137.58 (\$596.16 per month)	\$25.11 (\$108.82 per month)

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

	Financial year 2023/24 2022/23 2021/22	General Ser Charge (ran (weekly) \$124.07 \$104.43 \$101.22		Overall % change from previous year (+ or -) +18.48% +3.07%	Maintenance Reserve Fund contribution (range) (weekly) \$23.85 \$30.84		Overall % change from previous year (+ or -) -23.11% +12.94%	
10.2 What costs		⊠ Content ⊠ Electric	-1.66% is insurance ity	\$27.31	I Telephone I Internet I Pay TV I Other (speci services arrange	• /		
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								
10.4 Does the operator offer a maintenance service or help residents arrange repairs and maintenance for their unit?			vailable on reques s and maintenanc	•	vide support to re	esidents to arrang	je	
	A resident m		ay an exit fe	e to the operator v				ht
11.1 Do residents pay an exit fee when they permanently leave their unit? If yes: list all exit fee options that may apply to new contracts		⊠ Yes – al	Iso referred to as I new residents pa ry depending on e	ay an e	xit fee but the wa	y this is worked		
	-	d from date of of unit to the	Exit fe amou	ee calculation bas Int	ed on <b>y</b>	our ingoing cor	ntribution	

date the resident ceases reside in the unit	Capital Share*	Upfront Value*	Future Savings*	
Not more than 1 year	12%	12%	12%	
More than 1 year but les than 2 years	s 22%	22%	20%	
More than 2 years but le than 3 years	ss 30%	30%	25%	
More than 3 years but le than 4 years	ss 36%	34%	30%	
More than 4 years	36%	34%	30%	
out on a daily basis. The maximum (or cappe	cupation is not a whole num			
<ul> <li>residence on the Future Savings Option.</li> <li>The maximum (or capped) exit fee is 34% of your ingoing contribution after 4 years of residence on the Upfront Value Option.</li> <li>The maximum (or capped) exit fee is 36% of your ingoing contribution after 4 years of residence on the Capital Share Option.</li> <li>The minimum exit fee is 12% of your ingoing contribution by 365 (i.e. 1 day).</li> <li>*From time to time, the Exit Fee percentages offered in the above Capital Share, Upfront Value and Future Savings options may be altered at the Operator's discretion.</li> </ul>				
11.2 What other exit costs do residents need to pay or contribute to?	<ul> <li>Legal costs</li> <li>Other costs</li> <li>Termination Administration Costs (if applicable)</li> <li>Costs of Reinstatement Works</li> <li>Resident's share of costs of Renovation Works</li> <li>Resident's share of costs of finding a person to accept a new lease of the Accommodation Unit</li> <li>The cost of having Accommodation Unit professionally cleaned and, if applicable, treated for pests</li> <li>Any outstanding General Services Charges, Maintenance Reserve Fund Contributions or Personal Services Charges (if any)</li> <li>Any other amounts the Resident owes the Scheme Operator or other related entities under any other agreement, or which constitute debts owing by the Resident to the Scheme Operator or or any related entities under the Residence Contract, any other agreement, or the Act</li> </ul>			

	If the Capital Share Option applies, 50% of capital loss (if applicable)		
Part 12 – Reinstatement	and renovation of the unit		
12.1 Is the resident responsible for	⊠ Yes		
reinstatement of the unit when they leave the unit?	<ul> <li>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:</li> <li>fair wear and tear; and</li> <li>renovations and other changes to the condition of the unit carried out with agreement of the resident and operator.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>		
	Entry and exit inspections and reports are undertaken by the operator and resident to assess the condition of the unit.		
12.2 Is the resident responsible for renovation of the unit when they leave the	Optional, only applies to residents who share in the capital gain on the sale of their unit, and the resident pays 50% of any renovation costs		
unit?	Renovation means replacements or repairs other than reinstatement work.		
	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.		
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?	<ul> <li>If the Resident is on the Capital Share Option:</li> <li>☑ Yes, the resident's share of the capital gain is 50% the resident's share of the capital loss is 50%</li> <li>If the Resident is on the Upfront Value or Future Savings Option:</li> <li>☑ No</li> </ul>		
Part 14 – Exit entitlemen	nt or buyback of freehold units		
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.			

14.3 What is the turnover of units for sale in the village?	<ul> <li>5 accommodation units were vacant as at the end of the last financial year</li> <li>2 accommodation units were resold during the last financial year</li> <li>7 months was the average length of time to sell a unit over the last three financial years</li> </ul>				
Part 15 – Financial mana	agement of the	village			
15.1 What is the	General Serv	eneral Services Charges Fund for the last 3 years			
financial status for the funds that the operator is required to	Financial Year	Deficit/ Surplus	Balance	Change from previous year	
maintain under the	2022-23	-\$46,440	\$0	-100%	
Retirement Villages	2021-22	\$42,154	\$104,586	67.5%	
Act 1999?	2020-21	\$62,432	\$62,432	298%	
	Balance of <b>General Services Charges Fund</b> for last financial year <i>OR</i> last quarter if no full financial year available			\$0	
	Balance of <b>Maintenance Reserve Fund</b> for last financial year <i>OR</i> last quarter if no full financial year available			\$60,831	
	Balance of <b>Capital Replacement Fund</b> for the last financial year <i>OR</i> last quarter if no full financial year available			\$1,563,347	
	Percentage of a resident ingoing contribution applied to the Capital Replacement Fund			0%	
	By the end of each financial year, the village operator ensures that the Capital Replacement Fund contains the amount required for that financial year, as determined with the assistance of the quantity surveyor's report.				

#### 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?	$\boxtimes$ Yes If yes, the resident is responsible for these insurance policies:
	Contents insurance (for the resident's property in the unit)

	<ul> <li>Public liability insurance (for incidents occurring in the resident's unit)</li> <li>Workers' compensation insurance (for the resident's employees or contractors</li> <li>Third-party insurance (for the resident's motor vehicles or mobility devices)</li> </ul>			
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? If yes: provide details including, length of period, relevant time frames and any costs or conditions	<ul> <li>☑ Yes</li> <li>The resident is entitled to a three (3) month trial period commencing from the date the resident first occupies the Accommodation Unit. If the Resident permanently vacates the Accommodation Unit within the trial period they will be entitled to receive a refund of their ingoing contribution (less the discount amount) paid.</li> </ul>			
	The resident will be required to pay a \$2,500 exit administration fee, should the resident vacate the premise during the trial period.			
	The resident will not be required to pay an exit fee, but may be required to pay fair market rent for the duration of their occupancy and any costs to repair damage to the accommodation unit.			
	The resident will be paid their refund the earlier of 14 days after locating a new resident or 12 months after they permanently vacated the Accommodation Unit.			
Pets				
17.2 Are residents allowed to keep pets?	☑ Yes If yes: specify any restrictions or conditions on pet ownership			
	<ul> <li>you will only keep a pet in the Accommodation Unit if we have first consented in writing to the particular pet, which we may revoke, vary or impose conditions.</li> </ul>			
Visitors				
17.3 Are there restrictions on visitors staying with residents	<ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>If yes: specify any restrictions or conditions on visitors (e.g. length of stay, arrange with manager)</li> </ul>			
staying with residents				
staying with residents	of stay, arrange with manager) You may not have any Visitor stay for more than 1 month in any 12-month period without our written consent, which we may withhold, withdraw or apply conditions to.			
staying with residents or visiting?	of stay, arrange with manager) You may not have any Visitor stay for more than 1 month in any 12-month period without our written consent, which we may withhold, withdraw or apply conditions to.			

	by-laws		
17.5 Does the operator have other rules for the village.	⊠ No		
Resident input			
17.6 Does the village have a residents committee established under the <i>Retirement</i> <i>Villages Act 1999</i> ?	<ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>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.</li> <li>You may like to ask the village manager about an opportunity to talk with members of the resident committee about living in this village.</li> </ul>		
Part 18 – Accreditation			
18.1 Is the village voluntarily accredited through an industry- based accreditation scheme?	No, village is not accredited <b>Note from Operator:</b> Each of our retirement villages follow the standards set out in the Retirement Living Code of Conduct.		
<b>Note:</b> Retirement village accreditation schemes are industry-based schemes. The <i>Retirement Villages Act 1999</i> does not establish an accreditation scheme or standards for retirement villages.			
Part 19 – Waiting list			
<ul> <li>19.1 Does the village maintain a waiting list for entry?</li> <li>If yes,</li> <li>what is the fee to join the waiting list?</li> </ul>	<ul><li>☑ Yes</li><li>☑ No fee</li></ul>		
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).Image: Scheme in the second s			
Plans of any units	Plans of any units or facilities under construction		

- 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 general services charges 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 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 Communities, Housing and Digital Economy

Regulatory Services administers the *Retirement Villages Act 1999*. This includes investigating complaints and alleged breaches of the Act. Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy GPO Box 690, Brisbane, QLD 4001 Phone: 07 3013 2666 Email: regulatoryservices@chde.qld.gov.au Website: www.chde.qld.gov.au/regulatoryservices

## 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 Email: caxton@caxton.org.au Website: https://caxton.org.au

#### **Queensland Law Society**

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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 Phone: 1300 753 228 Email: enquiries@qcat.qld.gov.au Website: www.qcat.qld.gov.au

#### **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/