Village Comparison Document

Retirement Villages Act 1999 (Section 74)

This form is effective from 1 February 2019



Laurel Springs 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.

Form 3

- 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.laurelsprings.com.au
- 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.



ABN: 86 504 771 740

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 17/06/2024 and applies to prospective residents.

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

Part 1 – Operator and m	anagement details
1.1 Retirement village location	Retirement Village Name Laurel Springs Retirement Village
	Street Address 18 Doolan Street
	Suburb Nambour State QLD Post Code 4560
1.2 Owner of the land on which the	Name of landowner Lusping Pty Ltd
retirement village scheme is located	Australian Company Number (ACN) 147 724 070
	Address 18 Doolan Street
	Suburb Nambour State QLD Post Code 4560
1.3 Village operator	Name of entity that operates the retirement village (scheme operator)
	Lusping Pty Ltd
	Australian Company Number (ACN) 147 724 070
	Address 18 Doolan Street
	Suburb Nambour State QLD Post Code 4560
	Date entity became operator 24 th November 2011
1.4 Village	Name of village management entity and contact details
management and onsite availability	Laurel Springs Retirement Village
	Australian Company Number (ACN) 147 724 070
	Phone 07 5441 4711 Email admin@laurelsprings.com.au
	An onsite manager (or representative) is available to residents:

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- Two bedroom 56 19 - Three bedroom 8 2	- Studio	1			
- Three bedroom 8 2	- One bedroom	2			
	- Two bedroom	56	19		
Total number of units 67 21	- Three bedroom	8	2		
	Total number of units	67	21		

Access and design			
3.3 What disability access and design	\boxtimes Level access from the street into and between all areas of the unit (i.e. no external or internal steps or stairs) in \boxtimes some units		
features do the units and the village	oxtimes Alternatively, a ramp into $oxtimes$ some units		
contain?	oxtimes Step-free (hobless) shower in $oxtimes$ some units		
	oxtimes Width of doorways allow for wheelchair access in $oxtimes$ some units		
	\boxtimes Toilet is accessible in a wheelchair in \boxtimes some units		
Part 4 – Parking for resi	dents and visitors		
4.1 What car parking in the village is available for residents?	 Some units with own garage or carport attached or adjacent to the unit Some units with own garage or carport separate from the unit General car parking for residents in the village 		
	Restrictions on resident's car parking include: One vehicle per unit		
4.2 Is parking in the village available for visitors?	☑ Yes □ No In visitors designated parking areas with 2 hour limitation or approval from management for extended parking		
Part 5 – Planning and de	evelopment		
5.1 Is construction or development of the village complete?	Year village construction started 1986		
5.2 Construction, development applications and development approvals Provide details and timeframe of development or proposed development, including the final number and types of units and any new facilities.	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> 15 leasehold units – 2 bedroom & study To commence Mid-March 2019 – Completion Approx: 2024		

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5.3 Redevelopment plan under the <i>Retirement Villag</i> es	Is there an approved redevelopment plan for the village under the <i>Retirement Villages Act</i> ?		
Act 1999	🛛 Yes 🗌 No		
	Short description of the redevelo	pment plan	
	15 leasehold units – 2 bedroom & s	tudy	
	Declaration date for the redevelo	opment plan	
	To commence Mid-March 2019 – C	completion Approx: 2024	
	for certain types of redevelopme a development approval. A rede the residents of the village (by a	y require a written redevelopment plan nt of the village and this is different to velopment plan must be approved by special resolution at a residents of Communities, Housing and Digital	
	Note: see notice at end of docur development approval documen		
Part 6 – Facilities onsite	at the village		
6.1 The following	BBQ area outdoors	Swimming pool [outdoor]	
facilities are currently available to residents:	imes Billiards table	[not heated]	
	🛛 Bowling green [indoor]		
	⊠ Community hall		
	imes Hairdressing or beauty		
	room ⊠ Library		
6.2 Does the village have an onsite, attached, adjacent or co-located residential aged care facility?	□ Yes ⊠ No		
aged care facility? Note: Aged care facilities are not covered by the <i>Retirement Villages Act 1999 (Qld)</i> . The retirement village operator cannot keep places free or guarantee places in aged care for resident of the retirement village. To enter a residential aged care facility, you must be assessed as eligib by an Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) in accordance with the <i>Aged Care Act 1997 (Cwth)</i> Exit fees may apply when you move from your retirement village unit to other accommodation an may involve entering a new contract.			

Part 7 – Services				
7.1 What services are provided to all village	Management			
residents (funded from the General Services	Cleaning & maintenance of communal areas and pool			
Charge fund paid by residents)?	Council rates for communal areas			
residents)?	Power for communal areas			
	Village Water Rates			
	Audit fees			
	Quantity Surveyor			
	Village Insurance			
	Accounting Fees			
	Gardening costs for communal areas			
7.2 Are optional personal services provided or made available to residents on a user-pays basis?	□ Yes ⊠ No			
7.3 Does the retirement village operator provide government funded home care services under the Aged Care Act 1997 (Cwth)?	\boxtimes No, the operator does not provide home care services, residents can arrange their own home care services			
Home Support Program s an aged care assessment services are not covered l Residents can choose t	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</i> (Qld). Residents can choose their own approved Home Care Provider and are not obliged to use the retirement village provider, if one is offered.			
Part 8 – Security and em	nergency systems			
8.1 Does the village have a security system? If yes:	□ Yes ⊠ No			

8.2 Does the village have an emergency help system?	Yes - all residents	Optional	□ No	
If yes or optional:the emergency help system details are:	Emergency Call System – with emergency button Tunstall Provider			
the emergency help system is monitored between:	24 hours – 7 days a week.			
8.3 Does the village have equipment that provides for the safety or medical emergency of residents?	Yes 🗆 No			
If yes, list or provide details e.g. first aid kit	First Aid Kits x 3			
COSTS AND FINANCIAL	MANAGEMENT			
Part 9 – Ingoing contrib	ution - entry costs to live in	the village		
to secure a right to reside	the amount a prospective rea in the retirement village. The price. It does not include on	e ingoing contribution is	s also referred to as	
9.1 What is the	Accommodation Unit	Range of ingoing co	ontribution	
estimated ingoing	Independent living units	•	•	
contribution (sale price) range for all	- Studio		to \$290,000	
types of units in the	- One bedroom		to \$320,000	
village	- Two bedrooms		to \$550,000	
	- Three bedrooms	\$ 410,000	to \$550,000	
	Full range of ingoing contributions for all unit types\$ 285,000 to \$550,000			

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?	☐ Yes ⊠ No The ingoing contribution payable differs depending on whether you choose a Leasehold or Freehold. The exit fee is calculated in the same manner for each option.
9.3 What other entry costs do residents need to pay?	 Transfer or stamp duty (freehold only) Costs related to your residence contract Costs related to any other contract e.g. Advance payment of General Services Charge

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 Ch	harge and Maint	enance Reserve Fund
contribution			

General Services Charge (weekly)	Maintenance Reserve Fund contribution (weekly)
\$89.36	\$15.43
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Last three ye	Last three years of General Services Charge and Maintenance Reserve Fund contribution					
Financial year	General Services Charge (range) (weekly)	Overall % change from previous yearMaintenance Reserve Fund contribution (range) (weekly)Overall % change from previous year (+ or -)				
2021-22	\$56.09 to \$90.30	6.2%	\$7.75 to \$8.70	8.9%		
2022-23	\$90.30 to \$96.98	7%	\$8.70 to \$9.00	3%		
2023-24	\$96.98 to \$100.28	3.3%	\$9.00 to \$15.43	71%		

Units within a community title scheme only

Body Corporate fees and contributions are payable by residents in units that are within a community title scheme only. Where the resident owns the freehold unit, the body corporate fees are payable by the resident to the body corporate. For leasehold units, the body corporate fees may be passed on under the terms of the lease with the operator.

Current weekly rates of Body Corporate fees and sinking fund (Estimated only)

Type of Unit	Body Corporate Administrative Fund fee (weekly)	Body Corporate Sinking Fund contribution (weekly)
Independent Living Units Freehold		
- Studio	\$110.60	\$27.10
- One bedroom	\$110.60	\$27.10
- Two bedrooms	\$110.60	\$27.10
- Three bedrooms	\$110.60	\$27.10

Last three years of Body Corporate Administrative Fund Fee and Sinking Fund contribution

Financial year	Body Corporate Administrative Fund fee (weekly)	Overall % change from previous year (+ or -)	Sinking Fund contribution (range) (weekly)	Overall % change from previous year (+ or -)
2021-22	\$104.60 to \$104.60	0%	\$23.10 to \$23.10	0%
2022-23	\$104.60 to \$110.60	6%	\$23.10 to \$27.10	1.7%
2023-24	\$110.60 to \$120.60	6.1%	\$27.10 to \$29.00	6.1%

10.2 What costs relating to the units	Contents insurance	Water Access
are not covered by the General Services Charge? (residents will need to pay these costs separately)	⊠ Body Corp Fees (Freehold) ⊠ Solar	 ☑ Telephone ☑ Internet
	⊠ Electricity	⊠ Pay TV
	⊠ Water Usage (Leasehold)	Rates Freehold

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 Additional information You are responsible for, and must, at your own expense: keep and maintain your premises and any maintainable items in a state of good repair, having regard to their condition at the commencement date and fair wear and tear; LEASEHOLD UNITS: "maintainable items" means all carpets, stoves, cupboards, internal walls, fans, air-conditioners, lights, fittings, pergolas, fly screens, laundry tubs, hot water system, bathroom vanity, bath, shower screens, taps and kitchen sink, fences, gardens and plants and any other capital items, fittings and fixtures which are owned by us and located within your premises, garage, private yard or gardens. The only exception to this is that we will be responsible for any repairs and maintenance relating to the valves, anodes and thermostats of the hot water system for your premises, which are necessary due to fair wear and tear, the costs of which will be paid out of the maintenance reserve fund 	
10.4 Does the operator offer a maintenance service or help residents arrange repairs and maintenance for their unit?	□ Yes ⊠ No	
Part 11 – Exit fees – whe	en you leave the village	
	ay an exit fee to the operator when they leave their unit or when the right Id. This is also referred to as a 'deferred management fee' (DMF).	
11.1 Do residents pay an exit fee when they permanently leave their unit?	☑ Yes – all residents pay an exit fee calculated using the same formula	
Time period from date of occupation of unit to the date the resident ceases reside in the unit	 purchase price paid by next incoming resident 	
1 year	6% purchase price paid by next incoming resident	
2 years	12% purchase price paid by next incoming resident	
3 years	18% purchase price paid by next incoming resident	
4 years	24% purchase price paid by next incoming resident	

5 years	30% purchase price paid by next incoming resident	
10 years	30% purchase price paid by next incoming resident	
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 purchase price paid by the next resident after 5 years of residence. The minimum exit fee is 6% of the purchase price paid by the next resident x 1/365. The minimum exit fee is for one day of residence.		
11.2 What other exit costs do residents need to pay or contribute to?	 Sale costs for the unit Legal costs Other costs 1. any outstanding general services charges; 2. any outstanding maintenance reserve fund contributions; 3. any expenses incurred in relation to the resale of the unit; 4. any reinstatement costs payable by the resident; 5. any interest payable on overdue monies; 6. any deficiency in resale price if you agree to sell for less that agreed resale value, and 7. Any other monies which are owing to the operator by the resident. 	
Part 12 – Reinstatement	and renovation of the unit	
12.1 Is the resident responsible for reinstatement of the unit when they leave the unit?	 Yes No 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: fair wear and tear; and renovations and other changes to the condition of the unit carried out with agreement of the resident and operator. 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. 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 unit?	 Yes, freehold residents No leasehold residents <i>Renovation means replacements or repairs other than reinstatement work.</i> 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?	 Freehold - Yes, the resident's share of the capital gain is 100 % the resident's share of the capital loss is 100 % Leasehold - No 	
	nt or buyback of freehold units	
An exit entitlement is the	amount the operator may be required to pay the former resident under a ne right to reside is terminated and the former resident has left the unit.	
14.1 How is the exit entitlement which the operator will pay the resident worked out?	The exit entitlement for the unit is equal to the ingoing contribution paid by the resident, LESS the exit fee set out in Part 11.1 and other fees and charges set out at Part 11.2.	
14.2 When is the exit entitlement payable?	 By law, the operator must pay the exit entitlement to a former resident on or before the earliest of the following days: By law, the operator must pay the exit entitlement to a former resident on or before the earliest of the following days: the day stated in 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). 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. 	

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Freehold units only 14.2 Operator buyback of freehold units	When a resident sells a freehold unit, the resident is entitled to receive the resale price from the person who purchases the unit. At that time the resident must pay any exit fee to the operator.By law, the operator must purchase the freehold unit from the former resident if it has not sold to a new resident within 18 months after the termination of the residence contract, unless the operator has been granted an extension for payment by QCAT			
14.3 What is the turnover of units for sale in the village?	2 accommodation units were vacant as at the end of the last financial year 17 accommodation units were resold during the last financial year			
	6 months was the average length of time to sell a unit over the last three financial years			
Part 15 – Financial mana	agement of the	e village		
15.1 What is the	General Serv	vices Charges	Fund for the last 3 years	3
financial status for the funds that the	Financial Year	Deficit/ Surplus	Balance	Change from previous year
operator is required to maintain under the	2021-22	\$6,709 surplus	\$3,791.00	43%
Retirement Villages Act 1999?	2022-23	\$9,635 deficit	\$881.00 91%	
	2023-24	\$1,295 deficit	\$6,500.32	40.2%
	Balance of General Services Charges Fund for last financial year <i>OR</i> last quarter if no full financial year available			\$6,500.32
	Balance of Maintenance Reserve Fund for last financial year <i>OR</i> last quarter if no full financial year available			\$1,285.74
	Balance of Capital Replacement Fund for the last financial year <i>OR</i> last quarter if no full financial year available			\$33,230.04
	Percentage of a resident ingoing contribution applied to the Capital Replacement Fund			to 1%
	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.			

Part 15– Financial management of the Body Corporate

Note: All freehold community title scheme residents who own their unit are members of the body corporate.

corporate.					
15.1 What is the financial status of the	Administrative fund for the last 3 years (estimate only)				
Body Corporate funds in a freehold village?	Financial Year	Deficit/Surplus	Balance	Change from previous year	
	2021-22	\$7,200	\$7,200	0%	
	2022-23	\$7,200	\$7,400	0.3%	
	2023-24	\$7,400	\$7,600	0.3%	
	Balance of the Sinking Fund to cover spending of a capital or non-recurrent nature for the last financial year <i>OR last</i> quarter if no full financial year available				
	Please refer to body corporate		corporates as	the village has 15	
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. 					
16.1 Is the resident	vards the cost of this insurance as part of the General Services Charge.				
responsible for arranging any	If yes, the resident is responsible for these insurance policies:			nce policies:	
insurance cover? If yes, the resident is responsible for these insurance policies:	Content Insurance				
Part 17 – Living in the village					
Trial or settling in period	d 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? If yes: specify any restrictions or conditions on pet ownership	OUTLINED IN THE VI	NG TO HOUSE A PET NT AND MUST OBSE LLAGE BY-LAWS). A C JEST. FREEHOLD UN	RVE THE PET POLI COPY OF THE BY-L	THE SCHEME CY FOR THE VILLAGE (AS AWS IS AVAILABE FOR JRTHER APPROVAL FROM	

Visitors		
17.3 Are there restrictions on visitors staying with residents	Yes INO MANAGER TO BE NOTIFIED AND LENGTH OF STAY	
or visiting? If yes: specify any restrictions or conditions on visitors (e.g. length of stay, arrange with manager)	The resident will not without the prior written consent of the Scheme Operator allow or permit any persons other than the Resident and the spouse of the Resident to remain or reside in the Unit for any period in excess of three (3) consecutive weeks at a time or a total of six (6) weeks in any twelve (12) month period nor will the Resident without such consent permit any person to occupy the Unit whilst the Resident is absent	
Village by-laws and villa	ge 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	
Resident input		
17.6 Does the village have a residents committee established under the <i>Retirement</i> <i>Villages Act</i> 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. 	
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19.1 Does the village
maintain a waiting list
for entry?

Yes	No
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🛛 No fee

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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
- An approved redevelopment plan for the village under the *Retirement Villages Act*
- □ An approved transition plan for the village
- □ An approved closure plan for 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 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 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 Communities, Housing and Digital Economy website.

Further Information

If you would like more information, contact the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy on 13 QGOV (13 74 68) or visit our website at <u>www.chde.qld.gov.au</u>

General Information

General information and fact sheets on retirement villages: <u>www.qld.gov.au/retirementvillages</u> For more information on retirement villages and other seniors living options: <u>www.qld.gov.au/seniorsliving</u>

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: <u>regulatoryservices@chde.qld.gov.au</u> Website: <u>www.chde.qld.gov.au/regulatoryservices</u>

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

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: <u>caxton@caxton.org.au</u> Website: caxton.org.au

Queensland Law Society

Find a solicitor Law Society House 179 Ann Street, Brisbane, QLD 4000 Phone: 1300 367 757 Email: <u>info@qls.com.au</u> Website: <u>www.qls.com.au</u>

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: <u>www.justice.qld.gov.au</u>

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/