

***NARROGIN COTTAGE HOMES
TENANT NEWSLETTER
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The Retirement Village Act

I would like to thank those RFU Tenants who recently attended our meeting on the Financial Report you will now be receiving every three months in regards the “Retirement” part of Narrogin Cottage Homes operations.

As discussed, you can read and ask questions or just pop it in the bin. Providing this information to you is part of the Retirement Village Act Legislation that Narrogin Cottage Homes must comply with.

At this meeting a question was raised by an attendee about the recently circulated letter seeking your feedback regarding a designated Residents Committee Executive forming. This letter has caused some confusion. A Residents Committee would be a small group of Tenants elected annually, who could be the voice of the Tenants and bring suggestions, ideas or concerns to Narrogin Cottage Homes management, if they have not been addressed through existing mechanisms.

Narrogin Cottage Homes would like to assist in alleviating any confusion by clarifying the Question currently being circulated:

Question

Would you like to elect a group of Tenants to represent your interests to Narrogin Cottage Homes management (Please note: Management is not the Board – Management is Julie and her team of Administrative staff).

The Board are not involved in operational matters.

(Please tick)

YES **No**

Please return your selection to reception as soon as able and we will return this survey to the group of tenants listed on the original letter.

Existing Tenants Meeting

In 2016 following the last meeting of the year it was requested that the (existing) Tenant meetings (held between Narrogin Cottage Homes and the Tenants) be modified to a “social” committee. Diane is currently organising a social event to occur for this group shortly. In the past this meeting was open, at your request, to RFU tenants every 3 months and Rental tenants every 6 months.

As a social activity the attendance is open to all Tenants.

Retirement Villages Act

The *Retirement Villages Act 1992* allows residents of a retirement village to elect a Residents’ Committee if they wish to.

If residents seek to form an incorporated association to carry out the function of the Residents’ Committee, this must be decided by a special resolution*.

Other committees can also be formed in the village for other purposes such as social activities, but there can only be one Residents’ Committee.

A Residents’ Committee may be established by:

1. an election conducted among the residents of a retirement village, or
2. an election conducted by the administering body on the request of –
 - a. a minimum of five residents or 10 per cent of residents, whichever is greater, or
 - b. a majority of the occupied residential premises if fewer than 10 occupied residences, or
3. forming an association that is to be incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1987*. This course of action must be decided by special resolution* (see appendix A) passed at a meeting of residents.

A Residents’ Committee is not a decision making body.

It is a group of residents, elected by their fellow residents, to represent their interests and to carry out certain functions. Residents’ committees also provide a channel for communication between the residents and management.

Residents’ Committees are free to set their own procedures, as long as these are not inconsistent with the law.

Note: The staff of Narrogin Cottage Homes ARE NOT INVOLVED in this committee, it is independent of Narrogin Cottage Homes.