

Village Comparison Document

Retirement Villages Act 1999 (Section 74)

This form is effective from 1 February 2019

ABN: 86 504 771 740



Name of village: Arbor Sherwood 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 <https://arborsherwood.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.

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 1st October 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: Arbor Sherwood Retirement Village Street Address: 14-22 Hood Street Suburb: Sherwood State: QLD Post Code: 4075
1.2 Owner of the land on which the retirement village scheme is located	Name of land owner: Brisbane Housing Company Limited Australian Company Number: (ACN) 101 263 834 Address: Level 17, 333 Ann Street Suburb: Brisbane State: QLD Post Code: 4000
1.3 Village operator	Name of entity that operates the retirement village: (scheme operator) Brisbane Housing Company Limited Australian Company Number: (ACN) 101 263 834 Address: Level 17, 333 Ann Street Suburb: Brisbane State: QLD Post Code: 4000 Date entity became operator: 22 November 2018

1.4 Village management and onsite availability	Name of village management entity and contact details: Brisbane Housing Company Limited Australian Company Number: (ACN) 101 263 834 Phone: 07 3307 3000 Email: retirement@bhcl.com.au An onsite manager (or representative) is available to residents: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Part time Onsite availability includes approximately 30 hours per week.
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1.5 Approved closure plan or transition plan for the retirement village	Is there an approved transition plan for the village? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>A written transition plan approved by the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy is required when an existing operator is transitioning control of the retirement village scheme's operation to a new operator.</i> Is there an approved closure plan for the village? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>A written closure plan approved by the residents of the village (by a special resolution at a residents meeting) or by the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy is required if an operator is closing a retirement village scheme. This includes winding down or stopping to operate the village, even temporarily.</i>
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Part 2 – Age limits

2.1 What age limits apply to residents in this village?	The applicant must be 70 (seventy) years of age or over, or in the case of a joint application, one of the applicants must be 70 (seventy) years of age or over. The scheme operator may allow applicants that do not meet the age limits to enter the village at its discretion.
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lease (non-owner resident) <input 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 52 units in the village.			
Accommodation unit	Freehold	Leasehold	Licence	Other
Independent living units				
- Studio				
- One bedroom		13		
- Two bedroom		39		
- Three bedroom				
Serviced units				
- Studio				
- One bedroom				
- Two bedroom				
- Three bedroom				
Other				
Total number of units		52		

Access and design

3.3 What disability access and design features do the units and the village contain?	<input 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 <input type="checkbox"/> all <input type="checkbox"/> some units <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alternatively, a ramp, elevator or lift allows entry into <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> all <input type="checkbox"/> some units <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Step-free (hobless) shower in <input type="checkbox"/> all <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> some units <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Width of doorways allow for wheelchair access in <input type="checkbox"/> all <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> some units <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toilet is accessible in a wheelchair in <input type="checkbox"/> all <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" 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 car park space separate from the unit
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<p>4.2 Is parking in the village available for visitors? If yes, parking restrictions include</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Are available on request</p>
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Part 5 – Planning and development

<p>5.1 Is construction or development of the village complete?</p>	<p>Year village construction started: 2018</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fully developed / completed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Partially developed / completed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Construction yet to commence</p>
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<p>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.</p>	<p>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></p> <p>Not Applicable</p>
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<p>5.3 Redevelopment plan under the Retirement Villages Act 1999</p>	<p>Is there an approved redevelopment plan for the village under the <i>Retirement Villages Act</i>?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>The Retirement Villages Act may require a written redevelopment plan for certain types of redevelopment of the village and this is different to a development approval. A redevelopment plan must be approved by the residents of the village (by a special resolution at a residents meeting) or by the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy.</i></p> <p>Note: see notice at end of document regarding inspection of the development approval documents.</p>
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Part 6 – Facilities onsite at the village

<p>6.1 The following facilities are currently available to residents:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Activities or games room</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Arts and crafts room</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Auditorium</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BBQ area outdoors</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Billiards room</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Medical consultation room</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Shop</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool [indoor / outdoor] [heated / not heated]</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining, repairing and replacing units and items in, on or attached to the units (except where this is a resident's responsibility). • Engaging staff and contractors necessary for the operation of the retirement village, which may include a village manager, cleaning and maintenance personnel and security personnel. • Arranging for administrative, secretarial, book-keeping, accounting and legal services necessary for the operation of the retirement village. • Maintaining any licences required in relation to the retirement village. • Paying operating costs in connection with the ownership and operation of the retirement village. • Maintaining insurances relating to the retirement village that are required by the Retirement Villages Act 1999 or contemplated by a residence contract or that the scheme operator otherwise deems appropriate. • Complying with the Retirement Villages Act 1999 (Qld). • Any other general service funded via a general services charges budget for a financial year.
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<p>7.2 Are optional personal services provided or made available to residents on a user-pays basis?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
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<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 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)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, home care is provided in association with an Approved Provider</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, the operator does not provide home care services, residents can arrange their own home care services</p>
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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 *Aged Care Act 1997 (Cwth)*. These home care services are not covered by the *Retirement Villages Act 1999 (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 emergency systems

<p>8.1 Does the village have a security system? If yes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the security system details are: 	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Swipe access system CCTV monitoring Secure gated parking area</p>
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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:
 Rosies – Vitalcare Emergency Monitoring Offsite Monitoring
 the emergency help system is monitored between:
 24 hours per day, 7 days per week

8.3 Does the village have equipment that provides for the safety or medical emergency of residents? If yes, list or provide details e.g. first aid kit, defibrillator
 Yes No
 First aid kit
 Defibrillator

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	
	- One bedroom	\$ 181,000 to \$399,000
	- Two bedrooms	\$ 224,500 to \$475,000
	Full range of ingoing contributions for all unit types	\$181,000 to \$475,000

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
 If yes: specify or set out in a table how the contract options work e.g. pay a higher ingoing contribution and less or no exit fee.

Module 1
 Residents that choose Pricing Module 1 for their unit will pay a lower Ingoing Contribution for their apartment type than Pricing Modules 2 and 3, with a higher Ingoing Contribution.
 For each unit type detailed in the table below an Accommodation Fee which varies depending on purchase price is payable per week for the current financial year.

Apartment Type	A (1.5 bed + 1 bath)	B (2 bed + 1 bath)	C (2 bed + 2 bath) (Type 1)	D (2 bed + 2 bed) (Type 2)
Ingoing Contribution	\$181,000	\$199,000	\$224,500	\$224,500
Weekly Accommodation Fee	\$205.90 -\$216.25	\$216.95 -\$226.30	\$221.80 -\$253.15	\$227.90 -\$253.15

Note: The above ingoing contribution and Weekly Accommodation fee for each Apartment Type vary depending on the attributes of the unit, such as the floor level and aspect. As such, the ingoing contribution above is an average price of the Apartment Type across the village, while the accommodation Fee presented is a range of actual fees charged.

Note: The Weekly Accommodation Fee is in addition to the General Services Charge.

Module 2

Residents that choose Pricing Module 2 for their unit will pay a lower Ingoing Contribution for their apartment type than Pricing Module 3 with a weekly Accommodation Fee that is lower than the Accommodation Fee for Pricing Module 1.

For each unit type detailed in the table below an Accommodation Fee detailed below is payable per week for the current financial year.

Apartment Type	A (1.5 bed + 1 bath)	B (2 bed + 1 bath)	C (2 bed + 2 bath) (Type 1)	D (2 bed + 2 bed) (Type 2)
Ingoing Contribution	\$327,000	\$345,000	\$385,000	\$385,000
Weekly Accommodation Fee	\$67.00- \$73.55	\$70.65 - \$80.10	\$71.85 - \$91.05	\$74.35 - \$91.05

Note: The above ingoing contribution and Weekly Accommodation fee for each Apartment Type vary depending on the attributes of the unit, such as the floor level and aspect. As such, the ingoing contribution above is an average price of the Apartment Type across the village, while the accommodation Fee presented is a range of actual fees charged.

Note: The Weekly Accommodation Fee is in addition to the General Services Charge.

Module 3

Residents that choose Pricing Module 3 for their unit will pay no weekly Accommodation Fees but pay a higher Ingoing Contribution for their room type than Pricing Module 1 and 2.

For each unit type detailed in the table below there is no Accommodation Fee payable per week.

Apartment Type	A (1.5 bed + 1 bath)	B (2 bed + 1 bath)	C (2 bed + 2 bath) (Type 1)	D (2 bed + 2 bed) (Type 2)
Ingoing Contribution	\$399,000	\$425,000	\$475,000	\$475,000
Weekly Accommodation Fee	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Note: The above ingoing contribution for each Apartment Type is the average price of the Apartment Type across the village as each Apartment Type has a different price for each floor.

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 <input type="checkbox"/> Advance payment of General Services Charge <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other costs: Lease registration costs and surveying costs for lease plan(s) (if any)
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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 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)
Independent Living Units Apartment Type A		
- One bedroom + study + bathroom	\$86.40	\$18.40
Independent Living Units Apartment Type B		
- Two bedrooms + bathroom	\$107.65	\$22.95
Independent Living Units Apartment Type C		
- Two bedrooms + bathroom	\$110.70	\$23.60
Independent Living Units Apartment Type D		
- Two bedrooms - Two bathrooms	\$115.25	\$24.55

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 -)
2021/22	\$66.55 to \$88.75	2.9%	\$17.35 to \$23.10	+11.8%
2022/23	\$73.60 to \$98.15	10.6%	\$14.70 to \$19.60	-15.0%
2023/24	\$79.40 to \$105.90	7.9%	\$14.65 to \$19.55	-0.3%

10.2 What costs relating to the units are not covered by the General Services Charge? (residents will need to pay these costs separately)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contents insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Home insurance (freehold units only) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electricity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gas	<input type="checkbox"/> Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pay TV <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: third party insurance for any motorised mobility device used in the village
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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unit fixtures <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unit fittings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unit appliances <input type="checkbox"/> None Additional information: Residents will be responsible for costs of repairs and maintenance outside manufacturers warranty.	
10.4 Does the operator offer a maintenance service or help residents arrange repairs and maintenance for their unit? If yes: provide details, including any charges for this service.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No BHC Asset Service will provide a quotation for any repair and maintenance works before commencement of any works. This service is provided on a user pays basis and is not included in the General Services Charges.	

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).

11.1 Do residents pay an exit fee when they permanently leave their unit?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 to reside in the unit	Exit fee calculation based on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your ingoing contribution 	
1 year	6% of your ingoing contribution for the first year + 6% per annum	
2 years	12% of your ingoing contribution for the first 2 years + 6% per annum	
5 years	Maximum of 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 5 years of residence.
 The minimum exit fee is 6% of your ingoing contribution x 1/365
Note from the scheme operator: The minimum exit fee is for 1 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: Registration fees to surrender the lease; stamp duty on the surrender of lease (if any)

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?

No

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 gain or capital loss on the resale of their unit?

No

Part 14 – Exit entitlement 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.

14.1 How is the exit entitlement which the operator will pay the resident worked out?

The ingoing contribution (paid to the scheme operator on entry) is repaid to the resident.

When the ingoing contribution is repaid to the resident, the resident must pay to the scheme operator (which will be set off against the amount paid by the scheme operator):

- the exit fee (see item 11.1);
- the resident's share of costs of sale (see item 11.2);
- legal costs, registration costs and stamp duty (see item 11.2);
- 100% of the costs of reinstatement work, if any (see item 12.1); and
- any other amounts payable by the resident under the residence contract.

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:

- the day stated in the residence contract
 - 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).

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.

14.3 What is the turnover of units for sale in the village?

0 accommodation units were vacant as at the end of the last financial year

2 accommodation units were resold during the last financial year

3 accommodation units were resold/vacant over the past 3 years

4 months was the average length of time to sell a unit over the last 3 financial years

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 Fund for the last 3 years

Financial Year	Deficit/Surplus	Levies Charged	Change from previous year
2021-22	\$10,251 deficit	\$218,461	-3.5%
2022-23	\$8,047 deficit	\$242,807	+11.1%
2023-24	\$5,956 deficit	\$261,566	+7.7%

	Balance of General Services Charges Fund for last financial year <i>OR</i> last quarter if no full financial year available	\$26,677
	Balance of Maintenance Reserve Fund for last financial year <i>OR</i> last quarter if no full financial year available	\$34,850
	Balance of Capital Replacement Fund for the last financial year <i>OR</i> last quarter if no full financial year available Percentage of a resident ingoing contribution applied to the Capital Replacement Fund 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.	\$382,539 N/A Amounts are paid each year after taking into consideration the recommendations in the quantity surveyors report.
OR <input type="checkbox"/> 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:

- contents insurance for the resident's property in the Unit against loss, theft, damage or destruction;
- public liability insurance for claims brought as a result of any incident occurring in the Unit; and
- workers compensation insurance for claims brought by any employee or contractor that the resident engages to carry out work or provide services in the Unit.

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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Residents may seek the operator's consent to keep a pet, which will be considered by the operator on a case by case basis and may be refused or granted with or without conditions.
Visitors	
17.3 Are there restrictions on visitors staying with residents or visiting?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Visitors may stay with you for up to one month (in aggregate) in any 12 month period. Longer stays are allowed with our prior consent. You must not allow a Visitor to stay in the Unit if you are not staying there at the same time.
Village by-laws and village rules	
17.4 Does the village have village by-laws?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>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.</i> <i>Note: See notice at end of document regarding inspection of village by-laws</i>
17.5 Does the operator have other rules for the village.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes: Rules may be made available on request
Resident input	
17.6 Does the village have a residents committee established under the <i>Retirement Villages Act 1999</i>?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>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.</i> <i>You may like to ask the village manager about an opportunity to talk with members of the resident committee about living in this village.</i>
Part 18 – Accreditation	
18.1 Is the village voluntarily accredited through an industry-based accreditation scheme?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, fully accredited under <u>Australian Retirement Village Accreditation Scheme (ARVAS)</u>
Note: 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

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
- 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 www.chde.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: 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: caxton.org.au

Queensland Law Society

Find a solicitor

Law Society House

179 Ann Street, Brisbane, QLD 4000

Phone: 1300 367 757

Email: info@qls.com.au

Website: www.qls.com.au

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/