

Village Comparison Document

Retirement Villages Act 1999 (Section 74)

ABN: 86 504 771 740

This form is effective from 1 February 2019



Name of village: Kerrisdale Gardens

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.kerrisdalegardens.org.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 1 February 2019 and applies to prospective residents.

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

Part 1 – Operator and management details

1.1 Retirement village location	Retirement Village Name: Kerrisdale Gardens Street Address: 35 Norwood Parade Suburb: Beaconsfield State: QLD Post Code: 4740
1.2 Owner of the land on which the retirement village scheme is located	Name of land owner: Good Shepherd Lodge Ltd as trustee for Good Shepherd Lodge Charitable Trust Australian Company Number (ACN): 107 080 642 Address: 15 McIntyre Street Suburb: Mackay State: QLD Post Code: 4740
1.3 Village operator	Name of entity that operates the retirement village (scheme operator): Good Shepherd Lodge Ltd as trustee for Good Shepherd Lodge Charitable Trust Australian Company Number (ACN): 107 080 642 Address: 15 McIntyre Street Suburb: Mackay State: QLD Post Code: 4740 Date entity became operator: 19 June 2013
1.4 Village management and onsite availability	Name of village management entity and contact details: Good Shepherd Lodge Ltd as trustee for Good Shepherd Lodge Charitable Trust Australian Company Number (ACN): 107 080 642

	<p>Phone: (07) 4965 4400 Email: kerrisdale@gslmky.org.au</p> <p>An onsite manager (or representative) is available to residents:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part time <input type="checkbox"/> By appointment only <input type="checkbox"/> None available <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>Onsite availability includes:</p> <p>Weekdays: 9:00am – 5:00pm Weekends: Not available</p>
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Part 2 – Age limits

<p>2.1 What age limits apply to residents in this village?</p>	<p>Applicants for residence in the village must be 55 years of age or over, or in the case of a joint application, at least one of the applicants must be 55 years of age or over.</p> <p>The scheme operator reserves the right to accept a person as a resident who does not satisfy the age criteria but who the scheme operator considers is a suitable resident for the village.</p> <p>The scheme operator also reserves the right in future to vary (by increasing or decreasing) the age limit for residents of the village.</p>
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ACCOMMODATION, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Part 3 – Accommodation units: Nature of ownership or tenure

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

3.2 Number of units by accommodation type and tenure There are 51 units in the village, comprising 28 single story units; 23 units in multi-story building with 4 levels

Accommodation Unit	Freehold	Leasehold	Licence	Other
Independent living units			28	
- Studio				
- One bedroom				
- Two bedrooms			20	
- Three bedrooms			8	
Serviced units			23	
- Studio			5	
- One bedroom			6	
- Two bedrooms			12	
- Three bedrooms				
Other				
Total number of units			51	

Access and design

3.3 What disability access and design features do the units and the village contain?

- Level access from the street into and between all areas of the unit (i.e. no external or internal steps or stairs) in some units
- Alternatively, a ramp, elevator or lift allows entry into some units
- Step-free (hobless) shower in all units
- Width of doorways allow for wheelchair access in all units
- Toilet is accessible in a wheelchair in all some units
- Other key features in the units or village that cater for people with disability or assist residents to age in place:
- None

Part 4 – Parking for residents 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
 - All / Some [unit type] units with own garage or carport separate from the unit
 - All / Some [unit type] units with own car park space adjacent to the unit
- Some units with own car park space separate from the unit
- General car parking for residents in the village
- Other parking e.g. caravan or boat
- Specify number / unit type units with no car parking for residents
- No car parking for residents in the village

Restrictions on resident’s car parking include: N/A

4.2 Is parking in the village available for visitors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Part 5 – Planning and development

5.1 Is construction or development of the village complete?	Year village construction started: 2014 <input type="checkbox"/> Fully developed / completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partially developed / completed <input type="checkbox"/> Construction yet to commence
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5.2 Is there development approval or a development application pending for further development or redevelopment of the village? If yes to either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide details and timeframe of development or proposed development, including the final number and types of units and any new facilities. 	Development approval granted <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Development application pending <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No The scheme operator has applied for development approval to construct another wing. There is currently no timeframe for the proposed development, which is yet to be approved by the Board. The proposed development is for the construction of approximately 10 more retirement village apartments Note: see notice at end of document regarding inspection of the development approval documents.
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Part 6 – Facilities onsite at the village

6.1 The following facilities are currently available to residents:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Activities or games room
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts and crafts room
<input type="checkbox"/> Auditorium
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BBQ area outdoors
<input type="checkbox"/> Billiards room
<input type="checkbox"/> Bowling green [indoor/outdoor]
<input type="checkbox"/> Business centre (e.g. computers, printers, internet access)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chapel / prayer room
<input type="checkbox"/> Communal laundries
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community room or centre
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dining room
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gardens
<input type="checkbox"/> Gym
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hairdressing or beauty room
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Library | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical consultation room
<input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant
<input type="checkbox"/> Shop
<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool [indoor / outdoor] [heated / not heated]
<input type="checkbox"/> Separate lounge in community centre
<input type="checkbox"/> Spa [indoor / outdoor] [heated / not heated]
<input type="checkbox"/> Storage area for boats / caravans
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis court [full/half]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village bus or transport
<input type="checkbox"/> Workshop
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Café/coffee shop - Pharmacy outlet - Allied health practice - Village Activity Program |
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Details about any facility that is not funded from the General Services Charge paid by residents or if there are any restrictions on access or sharing of facilities (e.g. with an aged care facility).

- The Kerrisdale Gardens Residential Aged Care Facility has a bus that provides transportation for residents of the aged care facility. Depending on the availability of seats on the bus, residents of the retirement village can access this service on a user pays basis.

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

- Yes No
- Name of residential aged care facility and name of the approved provider: Kerrisdale Gardens Residential Aged Care Facility; Good Shepherd Lodge Ltd

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

Part 7 – Services

7.1 What services are provided to all village residents (funded from the General Services Charge paid by residents)?

- Management and administration;
- Gardening and minor maintenance;
- Recreation and entertainment facilities;
- Emergency call access facilities;
- Security services;
- Water rates; and
- Other services as detailed in the general services budget for the village, which is available upon request.

Some of these costs are common to the aged care facility and the Retirement Village. The common costs are apportioned between the aged care facility and the retirement village in proportion to the number of available places in the aged care facility and the number of accommodation units in the retirement village.

7.2 Are optional personal services provided or made available to residents on a user-pays basis?

Yes No

See attached list.

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 *Aged Care Act 1997* (Registered Accredited Care Supplier – RACS ID number 26953/3310)

Yes, home care is provided in association with an Approved Provider:

No, the operator does not provide home care services, residents can arrange their own home care services

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

8.1 Does the village have a security system?

Yes No

If yes:

- the security system details are:
- the security system is monitored between:

The main building locks down from 8pm – 6am. The independent villas have a security patrol nightly, which also check the main building doors.

..... am andpmdays per week.

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:
- the emergency help system is monitored between:

The village has 24 hour emergency nurse call (with nurses at the co-located residential aged care facility) emergency phone and personal pendants.

12:00 am and 11:59 pm 7 days per 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, defibrillator

The registered nurses from the co-located residential aged care facility are equipped with emergency response kits which contain the following equipment;

- blood pressure monitor;
- thermometer;
- glucose monitor;
- pulse oximeter;
- oxygen saturation monitor; and
- basic dressing supplies.

COSTS AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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

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

9.1 What is the estimated ingoing contribution (sale price) range for all types of units in the village	Accommodation Unit	Range of ingoing contribution
	Independent living units	
	- Studio	N/A
	- One bedroom	N/A
	- Two bedrooms	\$360,000 to \$400,000
	- Three bedrooms	\$480,000
	Serviced units	
	- Studio	N/A
	- One bedroom	\$ 329,000 to \$359,000
	- Two bedrooms	\$ 400,000 to \$500,000
	- Three bedrooms	N/A
	Other	N/A
	Full range of ingoing contributions for all unit types	\$329,000 to \$500,000

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

9.3 What other entry costs do residents need to pay?

- Transfer or stamp duty
- Costs related to your residence contract
- Costs related to any other contract e.g.
- Advance payment of General Services Charge
- Other costs:

Part 10 – Ongoing Costs - costs while living in the retirement village

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

Maintenance Reserve Fund contribution: Residents pay this charge for maintaining and repairing (but not replacing) the village's capital items e.g. communal facilities, swimming pool.

This fund may or may not cover maintaining or repairing items in your unit, depending on the terms of your residence contract.

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

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

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

Type of Unit	General Services Charge (weekly)	Maintenance Reserve Fund contribution (weekly)
Independent Living Units		
- Two bedrooms	\$82.85	\$8.05
- Three bedrooms	\$82.85	\$8.05
Serviced Units		
- One bedroom	\$82.85	\$11.51
- Two bedrooms	\$82.85	\$11.51

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

Independent Living Units				
Financial year	General Services Charge (range) (weekly)	Overall % change from previous year	Maintenance Reserve Fund contribution (range) (weekly)	Overall % change from previous year (+ or -)
2016	\$65.59	+1.78%	\$13.81	0%
2017	\$69.04	+5.26%	\$13.81	0%
2018	\$82.85	+20%	\$8.05	-41.71%

Serviced Units				
Financial year	General Services Charge (range) (weekly)	Overall % change from previous year	Maintenance Reserve Fund contribution (range) (weekly)	Overall % change from previous year (+ or -)
2016	\$65.59	+1.80%	\$13.81	0%
2017	\$69.04	+5.26%	\$13.81	0%
2018	\$82.85	+20%	\$11.51	-16.65%

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"/> Water
	<input type="checkbox"/> Home insurance (freehold units only)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephone
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electricity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet
	<input type="checkbox"/> Gas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pay TV
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other

<p>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?</p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unit fixtures <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unit fittings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unit appliances <input type="checkbox"/> None </p> <p>Additional information: Residents must maintain the unit, and all fixtures, fittings, equipment, appliances, furniture, furnishings in the unit, in good repair including all alterations and additions which the operator consents to in accordance with the residence contract.</p> <p>Many repairs and maintenance costs are paid from the Maintenance Reserve Fund. Any repairs or maintenance required are reported to the Resident Liaison Officer, who determines whether the cost of the maintenance or repair is properly payable from the maintenance reserve fund, general services account, or is the responsibility of the resident under the terms of the resident contract.</p> <p>For those costs payable by the resident, the operator offers a maintenance service to residents on a user pays basis as set out in Part 10.4.</p>
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<p>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.</p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </p> <p>The operator offers a maintenance service to residents on a user-pays basis. If requested by the resident, the operator will assist the resident with any repairs and/or maintenance for which the resident is responsible under the terms of the residence contract, at an hourly rate of \$35.00 incl. GST.</p>
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Part 11– Exit fees - when you leave the village

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

<p>11.1 Do residents pay an exit fee when they permanently leave their unit?</p> <p>If yes: list all exit fee options that may apply to new contracts</p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes – all residents pay an exit fee calculated using the same formula <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – all new residents pay an exit fee but the way this is worked out may vary depending on each resident's residence contract <input type="checkbox"/> No exit fee <input type="checkbox"/> Other: </p> <p>The exit fee payable will be calculated as set out in the tables below based on either the ingoing contribution paid by the resident.</p>
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Time period from date of occupation of unit to the	Exit fee calculation based on
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date the resident ceases to reside in the unit	
1 year	8% of your ingoing contribution
2 years	12% of your ingoing contribution
3 years	16% of your ingoing contribution
4 years	20% of your ingoing contribution
5 years	24% of your ingoing contribution
6 years	28% of your ingoing contribution
7 years or more	32% of your ingoing contribution
<p>Note: if the period of occupation is not a whole number of years, the exit fee will be worked out on a daily basis.</p> <p>The maximum (or capped) exit fee is 32% of the ingoing contribution after 7 years of residence.</p> <p>The minimum exit fee is 8% of the ingoing contribution.</p>	

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

12.1 Is the resident responsible for reinstatement of the unit when they leave the unit?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Reinstatement work means replacements or repairs that are reasonably necessary to return the unit to the same condition it was in when the resident started occupation, apart from:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fair wear and tear; and • renovations and other changes to the condition of the unit carried out with agreement of the resident and operator. <p><i>Fair wear and tear includes a reasonable amount of wear and tear associated with the use of items commonly used in a retirement village. However, a resident is responsible for the cost of replacing a capital item of the retirement village if the resident deliberately damages the item or causes accelerated wear.</i></p>
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	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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Part 14 – Exit entitlement	
<i>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.</i>	
14.1 How is the exit entitlement which the operator will pay the resident worked out?	The Exit Entitlement is equal to the ingoing contribution paid by you LESS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the exit fee; - any outstanding personal or general service charges; - any outstanding maintenance reserve fund contributions; - the costs of any reinstatement payable by you; - any costs associated with the removal and storage of your contents; - your share of exit any costs; - any interest owed on overdue monies; and - any other monies owing to us under the residence contract or the Act.
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the day stated in the residence contract <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ no date is 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.

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

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

4 accommodation units were resold during the last financial year

1.5 months was the average length of time to sell a unit over the last three 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 for the last 3 years		
Financial Year	Deficit/Surplus	Change from previous year
2016	-\$29,128	N/A (First year)
2017	\$0	-100%
2018	-\$6,148	+100%
Balance of Maintenance Reserve Fund for last financial year <i>OR</i> last quarter if no full financial year available		\$78,916
Balance of Capital Replacement Fund for the last financial year <i>OR</i> last quarter if no full financial year available		\$47,857
Percentage of a resident ingoing contribution applied to the Capital Replacement Fund		0%
The operator pays a percentage of a resident’s ingoing contribution, as determined by a quantity surveyor’s report, to the Capital Replacement Fund. This fund is used for replacing the village’s capital items.		The operator pays the amount fixed under the CRF budget to the CRF (s 93(b) of the Retirement Villages Act 1999). The amount payable for the 2019 financial year was \$36,000.

OR

the village is not yet operating.

Part 16 – Insurance

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

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

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

16.1 Is the resident responsible for arranging any insurance cover?

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

Yes No

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

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

Part 17 – Living in the village

Trial or settling in period in the village

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

Yes No

Pets

17.2 Are residents allowed to keep pets?

If yes: specify any restrictions or conditions on pet ownership

Yes No

Residents wishing to keep a pet in their accommodation unit must first obtain the consent of the scheme operator and must comply with the Kerrisdale Gardens Retirement Village Pet Policy. A copy of the Pet Application and Pet Policy are available upon request.

Visitors

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

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

Yes No

Except for temporary visits of less than one (1) month in any twelve (12) month period, not to permit any person to occupy the unit without the scheme operator's written consent and, in any event, only if:

- (a) the resident remains in occupation of the unit while visitors are staying in the unit; and
- (b) the resident ensures visitors comply with the rules of the retirement village and do not interfere with the rights and enjoyment of other residents of the village.

Village by-laws and village rules

<p>17.4 Does the village have village by-laws?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><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></p> <p><i>Note: See notice at end of document regarding inspection of village by-laws</i></p>
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<p>17.5 Does the operator have other rules for the village.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes: Rules may be made available on request</p>
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Resident input

<p>17.6 Does the village have a residents committee established under the Retirement Villages Act 1999?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><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></p> <p><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></p>
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Part 18 – Accreditation

<p>18.1 Is the village voluntarily accredited through an industry-based accreditation scheme?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, village is not accredited</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, village is voluntarily accredited through: </p>
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Note: Retirement village accreditation schemes are industry-based schemes. The *Retirement Villages Act 1999* does not establish an accreditation scheme or standards for retirement villages.

Part 19 – Waiting list

<p>19.1 Does the village maintain a waiting list for entry?</p> <p>If yes,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> what is the fee to join the waiting list? 	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No fee</p>
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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
- The annual financial statements and report presented to the previous annual meeting of the retirement village
- Statements of the balance of the capital replacement fund or maintenance reserve fund or Income and expenditure for general services at the end of the previous three financial years of the retirement village
- Statements of the balance of any Body Corporate administrative fund or sinking fund at the end of the previous three years of the retirement village
- Examples of contracts that residents may have to enter into
- Village dispute resolution process
- Village by-laws
- Village insurance policies and certificates of currency
- A current public information document (PID) continued in effect under section 237I of the Act (this applies to existing residence contracts)

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

Further Information

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

General Information

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

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

Regulatory Services, Department of Housing and Public Works

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

Department of Housing and Public Works

GPO Box 690, Brisbane, QLD 4001

Phone: 07 3008 3450

Email: regulatoryservices@hpw.qld.gov.au

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

Queensland Retirement Village and Park Advice Service (QRVPAS)

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

Caxton Legal Centre Inc.

1 Manning Street, South Brisbane, QLD 4101

Phone: 07 3214 6333

Email: caxton@caxton.org.au

Website: www.caxton.org.au

Department of Human Services (Australian Government)

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

Phone: 132 300

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

Seniors Legal and Support Service

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

Caxton Legal Centre Inc.

1 Manning Street, South Brisbane, QLD 4101

Phone: 07 3214 6333

Email: caxton@caxton.org.au

Website: [Error! Hyperlink reference not valid. https://caxton.org.au](https://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/