



## **MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING**

**14 August 2015**

Held at Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre, Winthrop

### **15.08.01 Opening**

President Colin Edwards welcomed all in attendance and opened the meeting at 10.00 am.

**15.08.02 Present** 66 As per register

**Apologies** 6 as per register

### **15.08.03 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 8 May 2015**

Minutes had been circulated previously. Confirmed as a correct record.

**15.08.04 Business Arising From Minutes** Nil

### **15.08.05 Reports**

#### **05.1 President – Colin Edwards**

The President reported as follows:

- Meeting with Western Power on solar power installation restrictions in sub metered villages.
- Will attend the Property Council's annual conference in Perth.
- Refer also to half yearly report published in Newsletter.

#### **05.2 Treasurer – Ron Hasluck**

The Treasurer presented the financial report to 31 July 2015

Opening Balance 1 July 2015	12,966.15
Receipts	362.00
Less Payments	857.89
Closing Balance	12,470.26
Plus Term Deposits	35,308.45
<b>TOTAL FUNDS 30 April 2015</b>	<b>\$47,778.71</b>

#### **05.3 Legislation and Advocacy - David Street**

Further to his report in the Newsletter, David reported as follows:

- A further draft of the revision of Form 1 has been received – David and Shelley Whitaker (Honorary Solicitor) attended a meeting of stakeholders at short notice. The form will be refined and the new Form (which is part of the Retirement Village Regulations) should be operative from 1 January 2016. It will further improve the information provided to incoming residents.
- Work is continuing on our submission to the Dept. in regard to the format and content of a "Retirement Village Scheme".
- Meetings have been held with three village committees regarding appeals to the Tribunal over village management and financial issues.

#### **05.4 Seminars - Julia Lynch and Brian Davies**

- The 2015 seminars have now concluded

- The seminars were very successful but attendance was down a little in relation to previous years.
- Members are asked to remind their friends who are potential village residents of the Forum for Prospective Residents on Thursday 17 September 2015 at 10 am at Piney Lakes, cost \$10

#### **05.5 Membership development and Regional Groups - Ian Nordeck**

Ian reported as follows:

- Village Group Membership has grown to 86 Villages (up 4) – approximately 10,100 residents.
- Individual Members 215
- The Albany Group is up and running and more villages are joining.
- South West Group is developing. Ron Sparks (Novacare, Busselton) and Diane Williams (Bethany Fields, Eaton) have been appointed co-conveners, with meetings to alternate between Bunbury and Busselton. Bethany Fields (Eaton) and Esprit (Eaton) are new Village members.
- Peel Group was well attended and successful.
- Ian is concentrating on recruiting villages in the South West Region in conjunction with the Co-Conveners.
- Individual members living in non-member villages will be contacted to see if a presentation about the work of WARVRA can be made in their village (you don't have to wait to be contacted – invitations to Ian Nordeck will be welcome at any time).
- A small membership development group for the north of the river and members will be approached to join this group.

#### **15.08.06 General Business**

- There was some discussion about electricity metering in villages – as it was very technical, it was referred to the committee for further consideration.
- Some villages reported significant increases in recurrent charges and were reminded of their right to appeal to the State Administrative Tribunal under section 57A of the Retirement Villages Act.

### **MORNING TEA BREAK**

#### **15.08.07 Guest speaker**

The guest speaker was Andrew Hopkins, the principal of WA Aged Care Financial Solutions, a financial planning practice specialising in helping people organise entry into residential aged care. Members are reminded that information is available from [myagedcare.gov.au](http://myagedcare.gov.au) where locations and costs of aged care services can be obtained.

#### **15.08.08 Next General Meeting**

Friday 13 November 2015 at 10 am at Piney Lakes Environmental Centre, Winthrop

#### **15.08.09 Meeting closed at 12.10 pm**