



Tasmanian Association for Residents of Retirement Villages inc.

Meeting Summary for the Special General Meeting	February 11th 2026
Venues	Kings Meadows Lions Club St Canice Retirement Village

Attendance Register:

Member	Village	Member	Village
Shirley & Ian Gillespie	Reed Estate	Neville Behrens	St Canice
Lesley Thomson	“ “	Lyn Fisher	“ “
Liz Crampton	“ “	Neville Lester	“ “
Robyn Barber	“ “	Judy Longhurst	“ “
Janine Hosking	Glenara lakes	Cynthia Shawe	“ “
Christine Bowen	“ “	Christine Triffitt	“ “
Margaret Langley	“ “	Graeme Triffitt	“ “
Julianne Dakin	“ “	Colin Foster	Sandown
Eric Miller	“ “	Peter Williams	“ “
Glenys Soffe	Tamar Valley	Pam Timbs	“ “
R& B Davies		Pam & Ian Green	Glenara Lakes
Sue Walker	Flowers Court	Tony Coombe	One Hill Estate
Tony Walker		Stephen Robinson	Respect Lindisfarne
Pat Young		Brigid Tracey	Grange
Anne Harding	Ainslie	Frances Russon	Mary Ogilvie
Adrienne Dabner	Garden Village		
John Behrens	Queen Victoria		
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Susan Thompson			
Rowena McKean			

Apologies received:

Member	Village
Gary Hosking	Glenara Lakes
Linda Hawes	Ainslie
Judy Guyton	“ “
Robin Blandford	“ “
Alice Skirving	“ “
Shirley Watson	Flowers Court
Judy Foster	St Canice
Kate Domeney	St Canice
Member	Village
Stewart Wardlaw	Springhaven
Hugh Murdoch-	St Canice
Colleen Smith	St Canice
John Birkett –	Glenara Lakes
Helen Birkett-	Glenara Lakes
Allan Thomson-	Docking Court
Heather Henderson -	Barossa Park
Jan Davis –	Beltana Court
Shirley Watson-	Flowers Court
Rae & Ken Stewart-	Q V Care
Lana Wall-	Garden Village
Allan Thompson-	Docking Court
Janet Day-	Garden Village
Kathleen Ferguson-	Riverside Villas
Thea Helderman-	Lady Clark Centre
Jim and Judy McCutcheon.-	Mowbray Links
Lorraine Mannion-	Glenara Lakes
Brian & Lynette Kemp-	Fairway Rise
John & Marilyn Dobbie-	Beltana Court
Margaret Youl-	Lady Clark Centre
Wayne& Colleen Holt	Reed estate
Rosalyn Behrens	Queen Victoria Care
Marj Cuthbert	“ “ “
Heather Dickenson	“ “ “
Dave Fleming	“ “ “
Peter Hill	“ “ “
Garth & Kaye Johnson	“ “ “
Pat Kaye	“ “ “
Dorell Lancaster	“ “ “
June McQueeney	“ “ “
Leonard Noy	“ “ “
Ken & Rae Stewart	“ “ “
Carmel Swan	“ “ “
Beverley Tindall	“ “ “
Rowena MacKean	“ “ “

Rod & Kath Dilger David and Caroline Rowell Brian and Lynette Kemp	Springhaven Docking Court Fairway Rise
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Quick recap

The meeting focused on discussing constitutional amendments and financial matters related to the Tasmanian Association for Residents of Retirement Villages (TARRV). Ian Green chaired the meeting which reviewed the President's and Treasurer's reports, highlighting the need for a clause in the constitution to allow for the disbursement of funds to a like organization in the event of winding up. This is a requirement as a part of the process in seeking charity status. The meeting also discussed a letter from the Attorney General acknowledging TARRV concerns about recurrent fee increases and compliance with the Retirement Villages Act. The committee agreed to follow up with the Attorney General and the Assistant Commissioner of Consumer, Building and Occupational Services (CBOS) on outstanding issues. Additionally, the meeting addressed the importance of increasing TARRV membership and discussed potential improvements to the Constitution to meet deductible gift recipient status requirements.

Next step

- [Jon: Notify Nigel Garland at the Office of the Justice Department of the passed constitutional amendment \(new clause 39\).](#)
- [Nolene Lincoln and Nigel Burch : Review and prepare further necessary revision of the Constitution to meet deductible gift recipient status requirements for the next meeting.](#)
- [Committee: Forward the full 18-point submission on legislative issues to CBOS.](#)
- [Committee: Consider inviting Brigid Archer to a future General meeting as a speaker.](#)
- [Secretary: Provide a copy of the Attorney General's letter to residents who request it via email.](#)
- [Village Representatives: Follow up with residents who have not renewed their TARRV membership and inform the committee of members who have left \(for database updates\).](#)
- [Committee: Seek volunteers in Launceston to assist with the membership database, especially in July through December.](#)
- [Committee: Consider and resolve the issue of reimbursing the President for travel and accommodation expenses, including formulating and deciding on a relevant motion.](#)

- [Committee: Continue to follow up with CBOS regarding the statutory period for complaint handling and request clarification on the relevant statute/clause.](#)
- [Committee: Continue to monitor and pursue the legal matter regarding the non-transfer of the maintenance fund at the Riverside Retirement Village, including next steps after solicitor correspondence.](#)
- [Committee/TARRV Representatives: Encourage village managers to provide TARRV cover sheet and membership application to new residents.](#)
- [Committee: Explore options for automatic renewal of memberships \(e.g., via bank authorisation\) and seek member feedback.](#)

Summary

Technical Challenges and Financial Review

The meeting discussed technical difficulties with audio and video setup for a planned general meeting, with Ian experiencing issues hearing participants while they could hear him. They considered holding separate meetings due to the technical challenges at the remote location. The group also discussed a constitutional amendment regarding funds for like organizations, which requires a two-thirds majority vote. Additionally, they reviewed financial documents, including a budget and balance sheet, and noted concerns about retirement village property investments and the need for proper valuations by licensed professionals.

Presentation Setup and Logistics

The meeting focused on technical setup and logistics for an upcoming presentation. Jon and Ian discussed the use of a microphone connected to a camera and encouraged participants to sit on a specific side of the room due to sound system issues. They also addressed the need for participants to sign a registration book for easier identification during the meeting.

Technical Difficulties and Apology Updates

The meeting began with technical difficulties in sound relay from Launceston, which was resolved using a local mic and speaker. Apologies were received from several attendees, including Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Foster from Queen Victoria Care from Rosley, with Rowena McCain efficiently sending a collective email of apologies. The minutes of the previous meeting were discussed, with Jon noting they were available on the website but not individually emailed to members. Ian offered to send the minutes via email to those who requested it, to alleviate the burden on the secretary's system.

TARRV's Transition and Membership Drive

Ian presented the President's report, outlining TARRV's transition to a not-for-profit charity and the need to revise their constitution appropriately. He discussed ongoing efforts to engage with the Attorney General regarding the request for a Retirement Villages Act review and addressed financial concerns related to the sale of the Riverside Retirement Village. Ian emphasized the importance of increasing TARRV's membership and requested assistance from members who were Committee members in their village by obtaining invitations to speak at a meeting of residents.

Motion: Moved Ian Green, seconded Frances Russon, that the President's report be received.

Treasurer's Report and Rule Update

The Treasurer's report was presented, showing a bank balance of \$7,805.71 and a term deposit of \$10,141.27, and a legal fund with \$770. The report included income of \$1,730 and expenses of \$1,491, resulting in a cash book balance of \$7,805.71. A motion was proposed to insert a clause in the rules to allow TARRV to apply for charitable status, which was approved unanimously.

Charitable Asset Transfer Amendment

The meeting focused on amending the constitution to include a clause that ensures any remaining assets after winding up will be transferred to another charitable organization. Nigel explained that this change is necessary for the organisation to apply for charity status and that Committee members are working towards meeting the higher standards required for tax deductibility.

Motion: Moved Ian Green seconded Nigel Burch, that TARRV make addition of clause 39 to our constitution as follows:

39. In the event of the organisation being wound up or dissolved, all assets that remain after winding up and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to another organisation with similar purposes, which is charitable at law and which has rules prohibiting the distribution of its assets and income to its members. **Passed, unanimously.**

The Public Officer, Jon Hosford, will notify the Department of Justice of the change. The group also discussed the need for further revision of the constitution at the next meeting to meet the requirements for deductible gift recipient status.

Retirement Village Fee Compliance Review

The meeting discussed a letter received from the Attorney General regarding concerns about retirement village fee increases and compliance with the Retirement Villages Act. The Attorney General acknowledged TARRV's advocacy role and committed to monitoring the legislation's operation, while encouraging residents to use existing dispute resolution mechanisms. The President noted that while Nigel Garland had been helpful in responding to concerns, he was not always assertive enough in enforcing compliance with the law, particularly in cases involving non-compliant operators.

Retirement Village Legislation Submission

The meeting focused on a detailed submission of 18 points regarding retirement village legislation, which was prepared by Vice President Nigel Burch and the committee. Ian explained that this submission, which includes research on how other Australian states handle similar issues, will be forwarded to CBOS to avoid duplicating work. The group discussed membership renewal challenges, with Ian noting that membership tends to

increase when issues arise but decreases afterward, and they explored options for improving membership retention. The meeting also addressed concerns about CBOS's handling of complaints and a confidential legal matter involving the transfer of funds between operators of a retirement village. Committee will prioritise an approach to dealing with this issue at its rescheduled meeting next month.

The President invited members attending the meeting to partake of tea and coffee along with informal discussion with Committee members in attendance.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 12:10pm

Jon. Hosford

Hon. Secretary

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