Village Comparison Document

Retirement Villages Act 1999 (Section 74)

This form is effective from 1 February 2019

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT

ABN: 86 504 771 740



Name of village: IRT The Ridge

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.

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- 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 <u>https://www.irt.org.au/location/irt-the-ridge/</u>
- 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 September 2024 and applies to prospective residents.

Part 1 – Operator and management details				
1.1 Retirement village	Retirement Village Name: IRT The Ridge			
location	Street Address 131 Quinlan Street, Bracken Ridge QLD 4017			
1.2 Owner of the land on	Name of land owner Illawarra Retirement Trust t/a IRT Group			
which the retirement village scheme is	Australian Company Number (ACN) 000 726 536			
located	Address Level 3, 77 Market Street, Wollongong NSW 2500			
1.3 Village operator	Name of entity that operates the retirement village (scheme operator)			
	Illawarra Retirement Trust t/a IRT Group			
	Australian Company Number (ACN) 000 726 536			
	Address Level 3, 77 Market Street, Wollongong NSW 2500			
	Date entity became operator 3 October 2012			
1.4 Village management	Name of village management entity and contact details			
and onsite availability	Illawarra Retirement Trust t/a IRT Group			
	Australian Company Number (ACN) 000 726 536			
	Phone: 134 478 Email: customerservice@irt.org.au			
	An onsite manager (or representative) is available to residents:			
	⊠ Full time			
	Onsite availability includes:			
	Weekdays 8.30am to 4.00pm (excluding public holidays)			
	Weekends: Not available			
1.5 Approved closure plan or transition plan	Is there an approved transition plan for the village? □ Yes ⊠ No			
for the retirement village	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.			
	Is there an approved closure plan for the village? □ Yes ⊠ No			

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

	A written closure plan approved by the residents of the village (by a special resolution at a residents meeting) or by the Department of Community, 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.					
Part 2 – Age limits						
2.1 What age limits apply to residents in this village?	joint residents, mus unfettered discretion	The age applicable to this retirement village are: the resident, or in the case of joint residents, must be at least 55 years of age. IRT may in its absolute and unfettered discretion, approve an Application to reside in the village by joint residents where only one resident is 55 years of age or older.				
ACCOMMODATION, FACIL	ITIES AND SERVIC	CES				
Part 3 – Accommodation u	inits: Nature of owi	nership or tenu	Ire			
3.1 Resident ownership or tenure of the units in the village is:	 Freehold (owner resident) Lease (non-owner resident) Licence (non-owner resident) Share in company title entity (non-owner resident) Unit in unit trust (non-owner resident) Rental (non-owner resident) Other 					
Accommodation types						
3.2 Number of units by accommodation type and tenure	There are 141 unit	s in the village,	comprising 141 singl	e story units		
Accommodation unit	Freehold	Leasehold	Licence	Other		
Independent living units						
- Studio						
- One bedroom		20				
- Two bedroom		110				
- Three bedroom		11				
Serviced units						
- Studio						
- One bedroom						
- Two bedroom						
- Three bedroom						
Other [specify]						
Total number of units		141				
Access and design						
3.3 What disability access and design features do the units	 ∠ Level access from the street into and between all areas of the unit (i.e. no external or internal steps or stairs) in □ all ≥ some units △ Alternatively, a ramp, elevator or lift allows entry into □ all □ some units △ Step-free (hobless) shower in □ all ≥ some units △ Width of doorways allow for wheelchair access in □ all ≥ some units 					

	\boxtimes Toilet is accessible in a wheelchair in \square all \boxtimes some units				
	 Other key features in the units or village that cater for people with disability or assist residents to age in place 				
Part 4 – Parking for reside	ents and visitors				
4.1 What car parking in the village is available	All units with own garage or carport attached or adjacent to the unit				
for residents?	General car parking for residents in the village				
	Other parking e.g. caravan or boat: limited parking spaces are available.				
	Restrictions on resident's car parking include:				
	Where the premises does not have a garage or carport, the resident shall not keep or frequently or regularly bring or park in or about the premises or any part of the Village any motor vehicle or motorcycle without the prior written consent of the Scheme Operator.				
	No Parking on the grass.				
4.2 Is parking in the village available for	⊠ Yes □ No				
visitors?	Visitors are to park in designated visitor parking spaces or may park in the driveway of the resident's premises, where space permits.				
If yes, parking restrictions include	Visitors are discouraged from parking on the grass.				
Part 5 – Planning and deve	elopment				
5.1 Is construction or	Plopment Year village construction started 2006				
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 5.1 Is construction or development of the village complete? 5.2 Construction development applications and 	 Year village construction started 2006 ☑ Fully developed / completed □ Partially developed / completed □ Construction yet to commence 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 Planning Act				
 5.1 Is construction or development of the village complete? 5.2 Construction development applications and development approvals 5.3 Redevelopment plan 	 Year village construction started 2006 Fully developed / completed Partially developed / completed Construction yet to commence 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 Planning Act 2016. Is there an approved redevelopment plan for the village under the Retirement				

Part 6 – Facilities onsite a	ne village	
6.1 The following facilities are currently available to residents:	 Activities or games room Arts and crafts room Auditorium BBQ area outdoors Billiards room Bowling green [indoor] Business centre (e.g. computers, printers, internet access) Chapel / prayer room Communal laundries Community room or centre Dining room Gardens Gym Hairdressing or beauty room Library Medical consultation room Restaurant Shop Shop Swimming pool [outdoor] [heated] Spa [outdoor] [heated] Spa [outdoor] [heated] Storage area for boats / caravans Tennis court [full/half] Workshop Other: Bar 	entre
are any restrictions on acce <u>Restrictions</u> Residents shall not hold or	s not funded from the General Services Charge paid by residents or if the or sharing of facilities (e.g. with an aged care facility). rmit to be held any gathering within the community room which exceed 5 a meeting of an outside club or organisation without the consent of the scretion.	
6.2 Does the village have an onsite, attached, adjacent or co-located residential aged care facility?]Yes ⊠No	
Note: Aged care facilities a operator cannot keep place To enter a residential aged Team (ACAT) in accordance	not covered by the <i>Retirement Villages Act 1999 (Qld)</i> . The retirement vil ree or guarantee places in aged care for residents of the retirement villag re facility, you must be assessed as eligible by an Aged Care Assessmer with the <i>Aged Care Act 1997 (Cwth)</i> . move from your retirement village unit to other accommodation and may st.	je. nt
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 services including staff costs /illage bus expenses, including fuel, registration, insurance and minor epairs. Cleaning & maintenance of communal areas Council rates Power rates for communal areas	
	Vater Rates Judit fees /illage Insurance	

Gardening costs for communal areas

7.2 Are optional personal services provided or made available to residents on a user-pays basis?	☑ Yes □ No IRT Home Care: For information, access and current prices to these Optional Personal Services please call 134 478.					
7.3 Does the retirement village operator provide government funded home care services	Yes, the operator is an Approved Provider of home care under the Aged Care Act 1997 (Registered Accredited Care Supplier – RACS ID number: IRT Home Care Sunshine Coast NAPS ID No. 19412)					
under the Aged Care Act 1997 (Cwth)?	Yes, home care is provid IRT Home Care.	ded in association with an Approved Provider.				
	No, the operator does no arrange their own home	ot provide home care services, residents can care services				
Support Program subsidised assessment team (ACAT) u covered by the <i>Retirement</i> V	d by the Commonwealth Govern nder the <i>Aged Care Act 1997 (C</i> / <i>illages Act 1999</i> (Qld). ir own approved Home Care F	are Package, or a Commonwealth Home ment if assessed as eligible by an aged care <i>Cwth).</i> These home care services are not Provider and are not obliged to use the				
Part 8 – Security and emer	rgency systems					
8.1 Does the village have a security system?	□ Yes ⊠ No					
8.2 Does the village have an emergency help system?	□ Yes - all residents □	Optional 🛛 🖾 No				
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 and fire safety equi	ipment in community room.				
COSTS AND FINANCIAL M	IANAGEMENT					
Part 9 – Ingoing contributi	on - entry costs to live in the	village				
secure a right to reside in th	e retirement village. The ingoing bes not include ongoing charges	t must pay under a residence contract to g contribution is also referred to as the sale s such as rent or other recurring fees.				
9.1 What is the	Accommodation Unit	Range of ingoing contribution				
estimated ingoing	Independent living units - Studio	\$ to \$				
contribution (sale price) range for all types of	- One bedroom	\$ 327,000 to \$ 493,000				
units in the village	- Two bedrooms	\$ 461,000 to \$ 954,000				
	- Three bedrooms	\$ 620,000 to \$ 1,001,000				
	Serviced units	÷ ===;000 to ÷ 1,001,000				
	- Studio	\$ to \$				
	- One bedroom	\$ to \$				
	- Two bedrooms	\$ to \$				
	- Three bedrooms	\$ to \$				
	Other	\$ to \$				

	Full range of contributions types		\$ 327,000 to \$ 1,001,000	
9.2 Are there different financial options	🖾 Yes 🗆 No)		
available for paying the ingoing contribution and exit fee or other fees and	The ingoing co	ntribution payat	ble differs depending on which option is chosen.	
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.	Option A: Exit fee is charged at 5% each year for seven (7) years of the Ingoing contribution advanced by you for each year you reside in your unit (and in respect of any part year the exit fee will be calculated on a daily basis) provided that the exit fee will not exceed 35% of the ingoing contribution advanced by you.			
	Option B:	the ingoing co reside in your will be calcula	arged at 2.5% each year for seven (7) years of ntribution advanced by you for each year you unit (and in respect of any part year the exit fee ted on a daily basis) provided that the exit fee d 17.5% of the ingoing contribution advanced	
	Option C:	There is no Ex refundable.	kit Fee as the Ingoing Contribution is fully	
9.3 What other entry costs do residents need	□ Transfer or a	stamp duty		
to pay?	☑ Costs related to your residence contract			
	□ Costs related to any other contract			
	□ Advance payment of General Services Charge			
	⊠ Other costs:	Lease registra	tion 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 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)
All units pay a flat rate (2024-2025)	\$96.96 Less prior year surplus (\$0.40) = \$96.51	\$18.51

Charge (we	Services e (range) eekly)	Overall % change from previous year	Fund co (ra	ontribution	Overall % change from
	0.40		Maintenance Reserve Fund contribution (range) (weekly)		previous year (+ or -)
	8.43	-1.67%	\$17.08		1.37%
φ0.	9.93	3.72%		16.85	1.36%
\$8	6.71	3.73%	\$	16.62	5.92%
\$80 a relating not General e? need to for ongoing osts for ance and items in, to the nts and pay ng in the	 ☑ Contents ☐ Home insonly) ☑ Electricity ☑ Gas ☑ Unit fixtur ☑ Unit fixtur ☑ Unit appl ☐ None Additional You are ress – keep state com Additional You are ress – keep state com - keep a clean a store prov <i>"maintainab</i> internal wal laundry tubes and kitchen fittings and garage, priv 	insurance surance (freehold u y res gs iances information ponsible for, and m ponsible of your ponsible of your nises clean; pond maintain pipe ean and working co e garbage in proper vide. <i>Is</i> , fans, air-conditions, hot water system sink, fences, garde fixtures which are covate yard or garden acception to this is th	nits	Water Telephone Internet Pay TV Other own expense: and any <i>maintal</i> to their condition and tear; and the interior s and water closets is and put it in the poves, dishwash fittings, pergol vanity, bath, sh the and any oth and located w e responsible for	<i>inable items</i> in a on at the urfaces of your any repairs and the bins that we ers, cupboards, as, fly screens, tower screens, taps of the premises in your premises or any repairs and
perator	costs of whi	ich will be paid out		•	
	nce	fittings and garage, priv The only ex maintenand system for costs of wh	fittings and fixtures which are of garage, private yard or garden. The only exception to this is th maintenance relating to the val system for your premises, which costs of which will be paid out erator nce	fittings and fixtures which are owned by us garage, private yard or gardens. The only exception to this is that we will be maintenance relating to the valves, anodes system for your premises, which are neces costs of which will be paid out of the maint erator □ Yes ⊠ No	The only exception to this is that we will be responsible for maintenance relating to the valves, anodes and thermostal system for your premises, which are necessary due to fail costs of which will be paid out of the maintenance reserved erator □ Yes ⊠ No

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).

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11.1 Do residents pay an exit fee when they		Yes – al	I residents pay an exit fee calculated using the same formula		
permanently leave their unit? If yes: list all exit fee		Yes – all new residents pay an exit fee but the way this is worked out may vary depending on each resident's residence contract			
options that may apply to		No exit fee			
new contracts	\boxtimes	Other. T	he exit fee varies, depending on the option chosen:		
	Option A:		Exit fee is charged at 5% each year for seven (7) years of the Ingoing contribution advanced by you for each year you reside in your unit (and in respect of any part year the exit fee will be calculated on a daily basis) provided that the exit fee will not exceed 35% of the ingoing contribution advanced by you.		
	Ор	tion B:	Exit Fee is charged at 2.5% each year for seven (7) years of the ingoing contribution advanced by you for each year you reside in your unit (and in respect of any part year the exit fee will be calculated on a daily basis) provided that the exit fee will not exceed 17.5% of the ingoing contribution advanced by you.		
	Ор	tion C:	There is no Exit Fee as the Ingoing Contribution is fully refundable.		
Time period from date of		Exit fee c	alculation based on:		
occupation of unit to the da the resident ceases to resident		Option A	: your ingoing contribution		
in the unit		Option B	your ingoing contribution		
		Option C	not applicable		
Years 1 to Year 7		Option A	: 5% of your ingoing contribution per year		
		Option B	2.5% of your ingoing contribution per year		
		Option C	: not applicable		
Note: if the period of occup daily basis.	oatio	n is not a v	vhole number of years, the exit fee will be worked out on a		
For Option A:					
The maximum (or capped)	The maximum (or capped) exit fee is 35% of the ingoing contribution after 7 years of residence.				
The minimum exit fee is 1/3	365 >	c 5% of the	e ingoing contribution.		
For Option B:					
The maximum (or capped)	exit	fee is 17.5	% of the ingoing contribution after 7 years of residence.		

The minimum exit fee is $1/365 \times 2.5\%$ of the ingoing contribution.

For Option C:

Not applicable – there is no exit fee.

11.2 What other exit costs do residents need	□ Sale costs for the unit
to pay or contribute to?	⊠ Legal costs
	☑ Other costs: Surrender of lease registration costs

Part 12 – Reinstatement a	nd renovation of the unit			
12.1 Is the resident responsible for	⊠ Yes □ No			
reinstatement of the unit when they leave the unit?	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	⊠ No			
renovation of the unit when they leave the	Renovation means replacements or repairs other than reinstatement work.			
unit?	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 lo	SSES			
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?	⊠ No			
Part 14 – Exit entitlement	or buyback of freehold units			
	nount the operator may be required to pay the former resident under a right to reside is terminated and the former resident has left the unit.			
14.1 How is the exit	After termination of the <i>lease</i> :			
entitlement which the operator will pay the	1. We will repay you the <i>ingoing contribution</i> .			
resident worked out?	You must pay us (or we may set off and deduct from the amounts we must pay you in 1 above):			
	• the exit fee;			
	 any amounts that you owe to us under the <i>lease</i> or the <i>retirement</i> villages laws; and 			
	 the amount by which the agreed resale value exceeds an offer you accept for the premises (if any). 			

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: 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 th	e exit entitlement o	f a former resident who has	died.		
14.3 What is the turnover of units for sale in the village?	6 accommodatic Approximately	 5 accommodation units were vacant as at the end of the last financial year. 6 accommodation units were resold during the last financial year. Approximately 3 - 6 months was the average length of time to sell a unit over the last three financial years. 				
14.1 How is the exit entitlement which the operator will pay the resident worked out?	 After termination of the <i>lease</i>: 1. We will repay you the <i>ingoing contribution</i>. 2. You must pay us (or we may set off and deduct from the amounts we must pay you in 1 above): the exit fee; any amounts that you owe to us under the <i>lease</i> or the <i>retirement villages laws</i>; and the amount by which the agreed resale value exceeds an offer you accept for the premises (if any). 					
Part 15 – Financial manag			for the left 2 we are			
15.1 What is the financial status for the funds that the operator is required to maintain under the <i>Retirement</i>	Financial Year	ces Charges Fund Deficit/Surplus	for the last 3 years Total general service charges collected for the financial year	Change from previous year		
Villages Act 1999?	2024					
	2023	\$7,296 surplus	\$660,912	1.83%		
	2022	\$22,502 surplus	\$649,034	12.40%		
	Balance of General Services charges fund for the last financial year OR last quarter if no full financial year available.					
		intenance Reserve uarter if no full finar	Fund for last financial icial year available	<mark>\$276,020</mark>		

	Balance of Capital Replacement Fund for the last financial year OR last quarter if no full financial year available	<mark>\$523,796</mark>	
	Percentage of a resident ingoing contribution applied to the Capital Replacement Fund	2.51% (2024/2025)	
	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.	(2024/2023)	
Part 15 – Financial manag	ement of the Body Corporate (Not Applicable)		
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. 			
	ds the cost of this insurance as part of the General Services Cha	arge.	
16.1 Is the resident responsible for arranging any insurance cover?	Yes □ NoIf yes, the resident is responsible for these insurance policies:Contents insurance		
If yes, the resident is responsible for these insurance policies:			
Part 17 – Living in the villa	ige		
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 shall not keep any animal in or about any Unit or Common Area without prior written consent of the Scheme Operator which consent may be revoked at any time.		
	Residents are reminded that pets owned prior to their entry date and subsequent pets may only be kept with the written permission of the Manager.		
	Dogs which are permitted must be kept on a leash whilst in the Village Common Areas and roadways.		
	Pets are to be prevented from fouling the Common Areas and Village. All animal owners are reminded of the Council By-law of fouling footpaths.	•	
Visitors			

17.3 Are there restrictions on visitors	🛛 Yes 🗆 No	
staying with residents or visiting?	The resident will not without the prior written consent of the Scheme Operator allow or permit any persons other than the Resident and the spouse of the Resident to remain or reside in the Unit for any period in excess of three (3)	
If yes: specify any restrictions or conditions on visitors (e.g. length of stay, arrange with manager)	consecutive weeks at a time or a total of six (6) weeks in any twelve (12) month period nor will the Resident without such consent permit any person to occupy the Unit whilst the Resident is absent.	
Village by-laws and village rules		
17.4 Does the village have village by-laws?	⊠ Yes □ No	
	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.	
	Note: See notice at end of document regarding inspection of village	
	by-laws	
17.5 Does the operator have other rules for the village	□ Yes ⊠ 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</i> <i>Villages Act</i> 1999?	🗵 Yes 🗆 No	
	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.	
	You may like to ask the village manager about an opportunity to talk with members of the resident committee about living in this village.	
Part 18 – Accreditation		
18.1 Is the village voluntarily accredited through an industry-	⊠ No, village is not accredited	
	□ Yes, village is voluntarily accredited through	
based accreditation scheme?		
Note: Retirement village accreditation schemes are industry-based schemes. The <i>Retirement Villages Act</i> 1999 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 joining fee?	No fee to join waitlist	
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 <u>www.chde.qld.gov.au</u>

General Information

General information and fact sheets on retirement villages: <u>www.qld.gov.au/retirementvillages</u> For more information on retirement villages and other seniors living options: <u>www.qld.gov.au/seniorsliving</u>

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 Housing and Public Works

GPO Box 690, Brisbane, QLD 4001 Phone: 07 3008 3450 Email: regulatoryservices@hpw.qld.gov.au Website: <u>www.chde.qld.gov.au/housing</u>

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: 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: <u>www.qls.com.au</u>

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/