



**Tasmanian Association for Residents of  
Retirement Villages**

NEWSLETTER NO. 1

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# FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first newsletter of what we hope will be the forerunner of many more.

A small group in the States' north is in the early stages of trying to establish this Organisation. We believe it is necessary to protect current and future retirement village residents. Its format will be similar to the ones found in each Mainland State. The retirement village residents in those states realised many years ago they needed a statewide organisation to represent them with governments, consumer organisations and others. Their voluntary organisations have been operating for at least 18 years, with annual subscriptions of \$5 – \$50. Despite those modest fees, they only attract a small proportion of retirement village residents. However, they still have membership numbers above 5,000, giving them influence when dealing with the abovementioned organisations. With Tasmania's much smaller population, we have no hope of obtaining those membership numbers. However, we can still provide a single voice to the government and others when needed – certainly more than a single village.

The small group mentioned earlier has held a meeting to elect an interim committee. Their task is to establish the Tasmanian Association for Residents of Retirement Villages (TARRV).

Frank Nott- Chairman, John Archer- Secretary /Treasurer. Jon. Hosford Web Designer.

Other members of the Steering Committee are Ian Green, Christine Bowen,

For publicity, we are using two main methods.

- Distribute this newsletter to most of the retirement village residents in the State.
- Place a private group page on Facebook.

When there are enough prospective members, the interim committee will arrange a general meeting to elect a Board of 7? people. After that meeting, the interim committee will disband. The Board will then meet and decide if incorporation is necessary.

It is worth pointing out that if this Organisation is to succeed, it must be statewide, making travelling to meetings impractical. Because of that, Board and most general meetings will operate via Zoom.

When TARRV is operating, it will follow the methods of the other State Organisations. Namely:

- Examine Government legislation affecting retirement village residents – particularly the Tasmanian "Retirement Village Act 2004".
- Act as a voice when governments, consumer bodies and others require retirement village residents' views.
- Act as a resource for people interested in living in a retirement village.
- Endeavour to visit all Retirement Village Resident Associations regularly.
- Provide an online Newsletter.

We hope you will agree with what we are trying to achieve. If you support us or have questions, please email Committee [info@tarrv.online](mailto:info@tarrv.online)

Most State Associations have common goals, as listed above. However, summaries and contact details for each State are detailed below for people wishing to know more.

### ***South Australia (SAVRA)***

- 7,000 members, 29,000 retirement Village residents, 530 retirement villages.
- Annual fees \$5.
- Strong enduring relationships with COTA, Office for Aging Well, Aged Rights Advocacy Service (ARAS), Catalyst Foundation.
- Contact: (08) 8232 0422. Website: <https://www.sarvra.asn.au/>

### ***Queensland (ARQRV)***

- 6,000 members, 32,000 retirement Village residents, 330 retirement villages.
- Annual fees \$44.
- Focus on assisting retirement village members – also necessary to promote membership.
- Contact: 0437 906 074. Website: <https://arqrv.org.au/>

### ***Victoria (RRVV)***

- 5,700 members, 47,000 retirement Village residents, 430 retirement villages.
- Annual fees \$15 single \$20 couple.
- Association President prepared to visit for a weekend to assist us with the establishment.
- Contact: (03) 9015 8402. Website: <https://www.rrvv.org.au/>

### ***NSW (RVRA)***

- 6,000 members, 60,000 residents, village nos. unknown.
- Annual fees \$50.
- NSW Fair Trading recognises the Association and The Property Council of Australia as peak bodies representing their respective members.
- Cooperates with the following organisations: The Council on the Ageing (COTA), NSW Seniors Rights Service (SRS), Property Council of Australia, and The NSW Civil & Administrative Tribunal (NCAT).
- Contact: 1300 787 213: Website: <https://www.rvra.org.au/>

### ***Western Australia (WAVRA)***

- Member nos. unknown, 25,500 residents, 300 retirement villages.
- Annual fees \$10 and Village fee of \$2 per villa.
- Contact WAVRA by visiting home page . Website: <https://warvra.org.au/>