

Applewood Property & Infrastructure Committee

5, Grand Boulevard, Doncaster, Victoria, 3108

Minutes P & I meeting

Wednesday, July 23 at 3.30 pm in Private Dining Room

Chair – Mike Reece

Present – Ellen Boyd, Blair Feenaghty, Dave Mullen, Rod Sinclair, Bob Slater

Apologies – Peter Horton, Peter Sage

Relocation Papers – Progress Report

NOTED:

1. It was reported that there are three apartments for sale.
2. It is understood that some residents may wish to downsize from a villa to an apartment, but are deterred by the high cost of downsizing. Residents are encouraged to discuss their requirements with Village Management.
3. The change in the RV Act will not affect current contracts or downsizing.
4. ARC has asked John Smrk to speak to the Village community about the RV Act
5. While John Smrk has indicated that ARD will not commit to a general policy on relocation, residents should be encouraged to approach Village management individually.

AGREED:

1. P&I to prepare a letter to John Smrk requesting a meeting to discuss downsizing..
2. Request John Sheedy to make available his briefing paper on the RV Act to the P&I Committee
3. Invite John Sheedy to address P &I regarding changes to the Act that impact on Applewood.

Feedback from ARC

Ellen reported on the latest ARC meeting, noting:

1. Management has scheduled an information session for residents on the proposed changes to the Aged Care commencing 1st November 2025.

2. Increased effort on Village maintenance is underway
3. The refurbishment in the Community Centre will be completed in the coming months under the advice of a consultant. ARC will be given the opportunity to have input into the proposed upgrade.
4. It was advised that the employment of a consultant is a decision made by ARD.
5. It was reported that there were adverse comments about the food at the recent Friday Nighters. It was noted that the high prices and the misleading wording on the menu and dishes offered had raised concerns.
6. Aqua aerobics is due to start in the pool, with assistance from Manningham Council. Some concerns have been raised by residents that the temperature in the pool is too low for aerobic activities..

Visit by Manningham councillors

1. Excellent attendance – 8 members of the Council attended.
2. Excellent support from John Smrk and opportunities to point out where Council responsibilities in the “outside world” were being discharged by Applewood within the Village.

Mildred Valves

1. No action by ARC apart from noting the issue.
2. The committee noted the article in Appleflash by Peter Sage and felt that inspection of Mildred valves should be added to the annual inspection.

Tram Road Traffic Lights

1. A letter has been sent by the ARC to the Minister for Roads & Road Safety, supporting the action of the ARD for a review of traffic operations.
2. Ellen has been requested by the ARC to reschedule a meeting with Manningham Mayor and CFO, planned for October, to discuss ongoing matters affecting Applewood residents.

OTHER BUSINESS

Energy Subsidies

1. Dave reported that the big subsidies only apply to conversions from Gas to Electrical appliances. The subsidy for replacement of electrical units is much smaller and with tighter conditions, e.g., the new appliance must be on a registered appliance list.

2. The website www.energy.vic.gov.au/victorian-energy-upgrades/products/heating-and-cooling-discounts contains relevant information.

Deferred management fees at Lifestyle Communities

1. Noted that the situation at Lifestyle was different from that applying at Applewood. No further action is required.

Termites

1. Rod's request for the ARD to review the practice and costs for Termite inspections applied to some residences has been submitted to the ARD by the ARC.
2. There is no response to date.

Thanks were tabled to Blair for taking the Minutes.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, August 20th – 3.30 pm – Private Dining Room,

Meeting closed at 4:55 PM

Attached: Letter to the Minister of Roads & Road Safety.