

A Dream come True

I'd like a little villa
In a quiet little street
With easy access for the car
And nice neighbours to meet

The cosy rooms and plenty of space
In cupboards almost every place,
A homely kitchen, a soft armchair
With modern fittings everywhere.

I'd like to put the kettle on
To welcome anyone who calls
And feed them all a buttered scone
And look at the paintings on the walls.

I'd like to have a pretty garden –
Orchids in the back and nodding violets too
Where in the front, geraniums bloom
Hibiscus and others need no pardon.

I have that little villa –
A paradise for two
We are lucky to live in Renaissance
Which is my dream come true.

Margaret Braben

MONTHLY Information Days – Only 3 more days left in 2018 !

Information sessions are held once a month to assist those considering their retirement living options. The small group format allows for your questions to be answered by residents and staff. Knowledge is the key to making the right decision for you and your family. Contact 07 3820 7700 to register for any of the below dates in 2018.

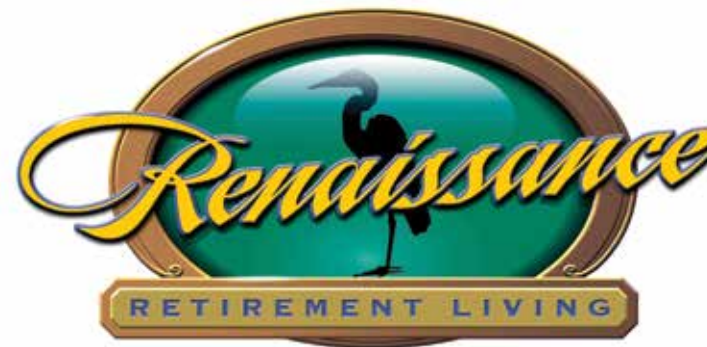
Tuesday 25th September 2018 10.00am

Tuesday 30th October 2018 10.00am

Tuesday 27th November 2018 10.00am

FREE My Village Comparison

Research of any kind can be time consuming and confusing. Thank heavens for Google! However, anything that can further assist the process of making informed decisions is usually greatly appreciated. Right? For this reason, we've developed the 'My Village Comparison' tool to help you through the exploration of retirement accommodation. Designed in an easy 'tick & flick' style, the form provides prompts on things to look for and questions to ask. Complete one for each village you visit and then compare to determine the commonalities and differences. This may help establish what features are most important to you. It comes on a handy A5 size clipboard for ease of use and conveniently fits into a handbag/manbag. For your FREE 'My Village Comparison' simply email us at sales@rrl.net.au or call 07 3820 7700.



We welcome the warmth of Spring and the chorus of birds, glistening bayside waters and fresh garden growth around the village and watercourse area.

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Spring is nature's way of saying "Let's Party"

Robin Williams



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Reasons to move into a Retirement Village A Residents View Point

Stephen moved for Companionship...

There are many reasons for moving into a retirement village but the main one for me, was to experience living in a community with other retirees as opposed to living next door to people who are too busy with their own lives to say more than a passing hello.

I lived all my life in Newcastle and when I decided to retire I made the decision to move to the Redlands to be near my sister and her family. About a year before I retired I visited most of the retirement villages in the Redlands to get a feel for where I might want to live and to understand the financial aspects of moving into a village. I loved the villas at Renaissance and its surrounds. Straight away I got the feeling that Renaissance was alive and friendly with lots of facilities to offer. Also, being within walking distance to the Victoria Point shops was a big plus.

Since living at Renaissance I've made many friends. Some I met because they are my direct neighbours others I met through the various activities and hobbies that I am involved in such as the Workshop and the regular Friday night get-togethers held at the Leisure Centre. Others, I just met as I walked my dog around the village. There is so much going on that it is easy to meet people and because we are retired there is time for us to get to know each other.

Other advantages of living at Renaissance is the security of a gated community and having neighbours around me. Also, I don't have to worry about maintenance or looking after my garden – although I can potter around if I want to.

The only disadvantage that I can think of is financial. Living in a retirement village is not a financial investment but a lifestyle choice.

The advice I would give to other retirees considering moving into a retirement village is to thoroughly understand the financial implications and compare these against the benefits of the lifestyle that is on offer - then you can make an informed decision. For me there are no regrets – it's the best decision I ever made.

Stephen – Renaissance Resident

Jan moved for activities and a sense of security...

I've been living at Renaissance now for over 12 years, I moved in when I was 66 years old and it was the best move I ever made.

I don't play bowls or croquet or use the pool. I do use the gym most days, attend exercise physiology and yoga weekly, play mahjong, attend the craft and photo scrapping groups and of course, join in the many social functions. As I live alone I enjoy the company of like-minded people and the security that the village offers enabling me to travel with peace of mind, knowing that on my return all will be just as I left it.

My advice to anyone contemplating moving into a retirement village is to do it sooner rather than later so you can fully enjoy the benefits that community living has to offer.

Jan – Renaissance Resident



Renaissance Workshop



Weekly card making in the craft room

Springtime in your Garden.

By Chris Brauns – Head Horticulturalist at Renaissance

Spring is a great time to be out in the garden - The chill has gone from the mornings, and the afternoon sun is getting longer as the days draw out as we head into Summer. This is a wonderful time of year to get out into the garden, get ready for summer entertaining, plant just about anything, fix up neglected areas, renovate your yard, and give your lawn its once-a-year pasturage of fertiliser. So here are my Top 10 tips for Spring time gardening.

1. **Feed plants with slow release fertiliser**
2. **Top up organic mulch**
3. **Sow your seeds**
4. **Use low toxic sprays (eco-oil or naturasoap) for Black Sooty mould, aphids and scale**
5. **Soak your evergreens**
6. **Plant annuals for contrasting colour and foliage, and to fill gaps**
7. **Look out for garden pests and treat accordingly**
8. **Prune deciduous trees and vines and don't forget your roses**
9. **Aerate and remove weeds and add Dolomite to reinvigorate lawns**
10. **Tidy up the yard and do any maintenance jobs in preparation for Summer storm season**



Celebrating Queensland Seniors Week 2018



Andrew Carins as 'Roy Orbison'

QLD Seniors Week was definitely a highlight at the village in August with lots of fun had by residents and staff! We kicked off the week of celebrations with a FREE Roy Orbison Tribute Concert.

Roy was performed by our one and only Andrew Carins and it was an afternoon of music, dancing and lots of laughter. We had over 250 people attend and the concert was followed by a wonderful afternoon tea. We ended the week with the Inaugural "Renaissance Mini Olympics 2018" a great way to spend a few hours playing some team activities with mixed teams of residents and staff learning some new skills and enjoying a round of croquet, darts, table tennis, lawn bowls and indoor bowls! The winning team were awarded with a goody pack of branded Renaissance merchandise – Bring on next years event!



The Winning Team

To sell now or wait? That is the question...

Renaissance is committed to reducing any stress involved in the decision making and moving process. Three concerns commonly raised are:

1. **Downsizing and relinquishing years of accumulated items.**
2. **Confidence in securing a chosen villa.**
3. **Somewhere to reside if the house sells before a chosen villa is ready.**

Perhaps you may also be confronted with similar concerns. Be assured you are not alone in the process. It has all been done before. Our Lifestyle Consultants are here to help you and they know skilled professionals who can also assist you.

The following is a summary of useful things that may ease your concerns.

Start by obtaining a preliminary assessment on your home from three local agents along with their proposed marketing strategy. This enables you to consider the full financial implications of how much you may get for you home, what funds you want surplus to assist with your future retirement lifestyle and expenses associated with the sale and moving process. Then you will have a good idea of what you have to spend on your retirement accommodation.

Renaissance encourages clients to have their homes sold or on the market before

entering into a formal application process. In some cases, a preferred villa may be under refurbishment and this can lead to hesitation in selling your home. However, we have experienced client disappointment in the past where future residents have not been able to sell their houses prior to the completion of their new villa. Which has resulted in them not being able to move into the villa they had their heart set on.

We can't predict with accuracy what the property market will do at any given time, but we have an option for future residents to assist them in securing their chosen villa and take advantage of the current demand for residential property.

For more details about how we can help you in the process of selling and moving, contact our Client Services Consultant on 07 3820 7700.

2018 Renaissance Spring Fair



Save The Date!

There's plenty of fun for all ages!

Sunday 14th October 2018

10am to 2pm – FREE ENTRY



Our 10th Annual Renaissance Spring Fair is fast approaching, and this year will be held on **Sunday 14th October 2018** from 10.00am – 2.00pm. This is a FREE community event – so please come along with your friends and family and enjoy the Spring Fair atmosphere. Follow the musical delights of the buskers and street entertainers, shop at a variety of market stalls including craft, jewellery, gourmet food, candles, clothing and more.



**Guest Appearance by
Jerry Coleby-Williams from ABC
TV's Gardening Australia Show
10am - 12pm**

Or simply sit down on the terrace and enjoy coffee, Devonshire tea and/or a BBQ lunch while soaking up the beautiful Spring weather and bushland outlook.

As always, our gardeners have been diligently growing seedlings and plants, so they are perfectly grown and flowering on the day for their famous Garden Plant and Flower Stall. Go on a garden tour, cross the Wirawira Walkway and visit one of our display villas in 29th Avenue.

Park at the Victoria Point Shopping Centre and find the Spring Fair by walking into the centre, through the passageway next to the Centre Management Office, and through our pedestrian entry gate.