



**“Everyone must take time to sit and watch the leaves turn”** Elizabeth Lawrence



Welcome to Autumn with its warm days and cooler nights! We are looking forward to another busy year at the village with lots of events & activities already being planned. In the next few weeks we will also see the end of construction at the village and we will then have 312 villas with a community of around 450 residents. Many of our original residents who have been here since 2004 have seen the village grow into the wonderful community it is today with its beautiful landscaped gardens and Leisure Centre facilities! Will you become a resident in 2018?

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## Retirement Perception vs Retirement Reality

When you retire, you don't have to give up your passions, unless your passion is work. When you move to Renaissance you will have more time for your passions, and mine is my 30 year old BMW motorcycle which my beloved wife calls "His other wife"!



It is usual for men to be reluctant to move into a retirement village, I was. But, like most men at Renaissance, I was immediately delighted and we have now been here for nearly 6 years.

Prior to coming to Renaissance we lived on acreage at Forrestdale for 22 years. For some years I ran the Annual Forrestdale Motor Show which was one of the big events in Forrestdale each year, conducted under the auspices of the local Neighbourhood Watch.

Buying a lifestyle is an unusual and difficult decision to rationalise, but almost 450 residents have made the decision to live here and they are so glad they did.

As we Residents say **“Where else would you rather live?”**



*Frank on his BMW outside the Leisure Centre*

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# A Sport for Everyone - What is Croquet?

Although croquet is a game played on a lawn, in which balls are driven through a series of square-topped hoops by means of mallets, it also requires strategic ability. Unlike many sports, croquet can be played by young and old, male and female, on an equal basis.

The game was first played in medieval France in the early 1400's. The modern game appears to have started in England in the 1850s. The Wimbledon All England Croquet Club was founded in 1868. Today, the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club at Wimbledon is famous for its lawn tennis tournament but retains an active croquet section. Croquet is now played in over 26 countries worldwide.

Here at Renaissance, many residents enjoy the non-strenuous, low-impact nature of the game, which makes it an activity that can be enjoyed throughout a lifetime. We have residents in their 90's who actively participate each week. It also gives players the opportunity to not only enjoy the outdoors, but also the company of others. It's a fun way to keep fit and active, and although the game itself is not rocket science, there is a surprising amount of strategy and precision involved.



*A lovely sunny morning on the croquet courts at Renaissance in January 2018, with enthusiastic residents attending the Coaching for Beginners lesson.*

## One beginners take on the day...

Brian and Margaret Horton both attended the beginners training and Brian was happy to share his thoughts.

We moved to Renaissance in December 2016 following a lot of research done by my wife, Margaret prior to that we lived in Ellangowan, NSW. Margaret had heard of Renaissance about 10-12 years ago when it was being constructed. Yes, so she had the bright idea to move here!

Margaret saw the croquet beginners class advertised on the in-house TV channel and thought it would be a good game that we could play together. We both really enjoyed the class and found it very informative. Suzanne (Croquet Coordinator) was great, she covered the rules and the tactics of the game. I liked that it's a tactical game, it's not unlike billiards or snooker with the game involving the angle of the ball and strategic moves. It definitely appealed to my competitive nature. And I'm sure it would appeal to some people for the social aspect too. It's the type of game that we can be involved with through the club and that we could do casually as a couple. If we are at a loose end, we could just go and have a 'hit around' or maybe invite another couple of residents to join us.

It's the first sporting activity we have investigated since moving to Renaissance because we have been wrapping up other business before getting involved in the village activities. We are keen to join the club and it suits us as a couple activity. It was enjoyable because we met other residents we had never seen before. They were like-minded people that Margaret and I would enjoy spending more time with.

*Brian & Margaret Horton*







## Passionate about Reading?

Look at what the Renaissance Library has to offer:

- Fiction
- Large Print Books
- Autobiographies
- Magazines
- Non-Fiction
- Talking Books
- DVDs
- Jigsaws

The library is located in the Leisure Centre and accessible to residents 24 / 7. It has a wide range of reading matter along with movies and music. Coming soon is a small library for young readers, grandchildren and great grandchildren so they can enjoy reading when they come to stay! Donation books in good condition are happily received (except for coffee table books, gardening, cooking and large / heavy books).



## Bus Trips & Adventures at Renaissance

Each week Renaissance residents enjoy the convenience of the Village Bus. Whether it's to make picking up the weekly groceries easier or to enjoy an interesting day trip with company, the private bus service is much loved. Tony Philpott is our lovely Renaissance Bus Driver and here is his story...

"For the past 15 months I have been driving the residents of Renaissance to many different places including Shopping Centres, QPAC events, Lunches, Mystery Trips and organised outings covering areas throughout South East Queensland and Northern NSW. I think the question I am asked the most is how long have I been driving buses? Well the answer is that I have never been a full-time bus driver. Although I received my licence to drive a bus some 45 year ago now and have driven buses and heavy-duty vehicles many times over the years it was not until I retired about four years ago that I become more involved through voluntary work driving buses and mini buses within the Redlands area.

Over the past 35 years I have been in senior management positions with company's such as Burns Philp, Coca Cola, ISS Facility Services and Chubb Security. I was transferred to Australia from New Zealand in 1987 and become an Australian Citizen in 1998.

Although I enjoy all the outings we make I still believe the trips enjoying the sites along the coastline through Currumbin, Coolangatta, Tweed and then lunch at

*Story continued over...*







Kingscliff were the highlight for me last year. Other places like Maleny, Montville and the Nambour Garden and Flower show have also been extremely enjoyable, not to mention the weekly shopping trips to malls throughout Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

I feel extremely fortunate as I have been able to finish a long career within the corporate world both throughout New Zealand and Australia and then have found a role driving a group of wonderful people that I share common interests with and can enjoy the time I spend driving the residents of our retirement village to destinations, wherever they may be.



*Tony, Village Bus Driver*

## MONTHLY INFORMATION DAYS

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.

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> March 2018</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> April 2018</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> May 2018</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>



## Renaissance Online

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## LAST BRAND NEW VILLAS FINISHED AND READY TO SELL!

**29th Avenue** ...there are still a few BRAND NEW Keppels available but be quick!

- 2908 Keppel Mk2 **\$560,000** plus chattels of \$1 for the ducted air conditioning
- 2909 Keppel Mk2 **\$565,000** plus chattels of \$1 for the ducted air conditioning
- 2910 Keppel Mk2 **\$565,000** plus chattels of \$1 for the ducted air conditioning

## 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue – Villa 3105 is the last villa left and it's got a double garage!

Villa 3105 is a brand new stand-alone Coochie style villa. This sought after 2 bedroom plus study villa boasts an open plan design featuring a spacious lounge, dining and separate meals area as well as lots of storage. The kitchen includes composite stone benchtops and European appliances. Two queen sized bedrooms with ensuite to master and walk-in wardrobe. The double garage provides secure accommodation for your second vehicle or enables extra space to continue with hobby interests.

The spacious private court-yard with colourful gardens offer the perfect setting to relax or entertain family and friends. The large courtyard area also provides an ideal environment for your much-loved pet.

This villa is priced at **\$825,000** plus chattels of \$1.00 for the ducted air conditioning.

## 33rd Avenue – Only 2 Brand New Stradbroke Villas are NOW left!

- 3301 Stradbroke Mk6 **\$690,000** plus chattels of \$1 for the ducted air conditioning
- 3302 Stradbroke Mk6 **\$690,000** plus chattels of \$1 for the ducted air conditioning

## Stage 32 – Only 3 Brand New Whitsunday Villas are NOW left!

These luxurious stand-alone two bedroom plus study spacious villas are over owing with features and quality nishes that you will love. Spacious open plan living, dining and kitchen areas boast panoramic views of the parkland and watercourse oasis. Each villa has its own private covered deck offering the perfect setting for alfresco dining, entertaining family and friends or simply relaxing with a coffee.

The large master suite is designed with both a generous walk in robe and a built-in wardrobe plus en-suite. Other design features include a superbly equipped kitchen with European appliances, composite stone benchtops, an abundance of storage space and, of course, all of our villas have 9 ceilings to enhance the space and comfort you deserve.

These villas are selling fast so call today for more information.

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10am - 4pm, Closed  
only for nominated  
Public Holidays.**

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