

our NEWS

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From our Chairman



Helping build individual skills for our residents has always been an important part of Seton Villa's care model. To this end, we are trialling with promising initial results, the 'Side by Side' Support project with residents and staff at Lavender Cottage. Peter provides some further information on this innovative project on page 3.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we are nearing the end of our current strategic plan. We have started planning the new cycle which will lead to a Board and Management meeting in August to agree in principle to the plan. Management will then finalise the details in time for our AGM with the Daughters of Charity in November. Please see Peter's report below for how you can be involved.

Finally, as we move into the colder months, we continue to monitor COVID-19 and influenza across our homes. To date, we have been lucky with very few and minor outbreaks. I know Peter and the staff will do their best to maintain our good record.

Marco Colli
Chairman, Seton Villa

From our CEO

"Building our Bright Future" Status Report

With residents now settled into Leia's Place and Lavender Cottage, we are progressing our next two knock-down and rebuilds – houses five and six in our Asset Redevelopment Program. Ronnie is completing his pricing for construction at 10 Dover Street – the new home for Koorong Street residents, and 4 Koorong Street – the new home for residents of Menzies Road. Board approval to proceed is likely in early July 2022, with demolition of the existing houses to commence shortly thereafter. We are confident that Academy Construction and Development will avoid the financial sustainability issues being experienced across the construction industry due to significant increases in material costs and supply issues. Ronnie has such a great commitment to Seton Villa.

On 26 May 2022 I was delighted to welcome our major donor, Anne, for afternoon tea with the residents of Leia's Place. Anne enjoyed hearing from the women and sampling the fresh-baked scones. Anne was so pleased to be able to play a part in transforming bricks and mortar into a comfortable new home for these women.



From our CEO continued

I am also delighted to report that our Perpetual IMPACT Philanthropy Grant application for a new commuter van with wheelchair conversion was successful! This vehicle will be located at Leia's Place and doubles our capacity to transport people in wheelchairs to community-based activities etc. In addition, the Bernard Curran Foundation has provided a further grant of \$50,000 for equipment and furnishings in our next two houses.



Fundraising

We hope to add to these funds through our fundraising Tax Appeal that was launched in mid-June 2022. It would be fabulous if we can fully fund our furnishing and decorating requirements for the remaining new houses from donations. Please consider helping in this way if you can and contact me directly if you would like to contribute to Seton Villa. Please continue to 'like' our [facebook.com/setonvillamarsfield](https://www.facebook.com/setonvillamarsfield) page. Under Amanda's guidance, we have also expanded our social media posts to Instagram and LinkedIn!



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Help us finish Lynn's home before Christmas



COVID-19 Update

Thankfully, the ongoing impact of COVID on Seton Villa has been small. We held our Winter COVID Booster 'mini-hub' clinic with HCA at Jenny's Place on Tuesday 28 June 2022. Thank-you for responding promptly with yet another round of Vaccination Consent forms! Along with full influenza vaccination for all residents and staff, this additional jab will offer our best protection for everyone against winter illness. We will separately facilitate the fourth COVID dose for those residents who tested positive for COVID since the end of March 2022, as ATAGI recommends at least a three-month gap between infection and Booster vaccination.

NDIS Mid-term Certification Audit

Our NDIS Certification auditor, BSI, has confirmed **25 and 26 August 2022** as the dates for our **Mid-term Certification Audit**. As per the initial Certification Audit finalised in February 2021, the auditor will reach out to selected families to talk about your satisfaction with services received from Seton Villa. I am not currently aware whether we will have any choice in nominating the houses or residents who will participate in this audit. I will certainly make individual contact with you when this consultation process is clarified closer to the audit dates.

Side-By-Side Support Project

I am delighted that our previous Quality Manager, Rhondda Vassallo, who now has her own consulting business, has commenced an exciting pro-bono capacity-building project with the residents and staff at Lavender Cottage.

The 'Side by Side' Support training program with staff involves identifying three life skill tasks appropriate for each resident and tracks their incremental learning steps toward achieving full competency. The initial project will run for three months, enabling us to evidence the positive social impact outcomes achieved within our Supported Independent Living program. If successful, we will replicate this training program across all Seton Villa houses.



Strategic Planning for 2023-25

Now that we can see the finishing line for our Asset Redevelopment Project, the Seton Villa Board and Senior Management will be engaging in a strategic planning exercise over the coming months to articulate our next Strategic Plan for 2023-25. We have engaged a specialist consulting firm, IMPACT CO, to lead us on this journey.

As part of this process, I am keen to engage families and Persons Responsible in a consultation session to distil and confirm our thinking around "what's next for Seton Villa?" This is likely to take place during September 2022 and I will come back to you with a potential Sunday afternoon date closer to the time. In the interim, I would be delighted to hear any initial thoughts that you may have via email at pgardiner@setonvilla.org.au

I look forward to catching up with you in person soon.