

our NEWS

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From our Chairman



It has been a relatively busy period since the last newsletter with the completion of the Seton Villa Strategy Day and commencement of our 2 new houses.

Peter and the team also concurrently prepared for and passed the NDIS midterm certification audit. Apparently, the audit team were “blown away” (Peter’s assessment) by our preparation work and the quality of the new houses. Whilst we are yet to get official confirmation of this result, it is nonetheless gratifying to receive external validation to the quality of care provided by Seton Villa staff for our residents. Well done to all involved!

We are also currently working through the results and implications of the recent Strategy Day with our external consultants. Once this is done, we would be keen to get your views on the next Strategic Plan. See below for how you can be involved and have your say.

Marco Colli
Chairman, Seton Villa

From our CEO

“Building our Bright Future” Status Report

As foreshadowed in the June newsletter, we have now completed demolition of 10 Dover Street and 4 Koorong Street in preparation for construction of our next two SDA houses to replace 1 Koorong Street and Menzies Road.

Ronnie is taking special care of our Blue Spruce in the front yard of Dover Street (right) which has the makings of a great outdoor Christmas tree!



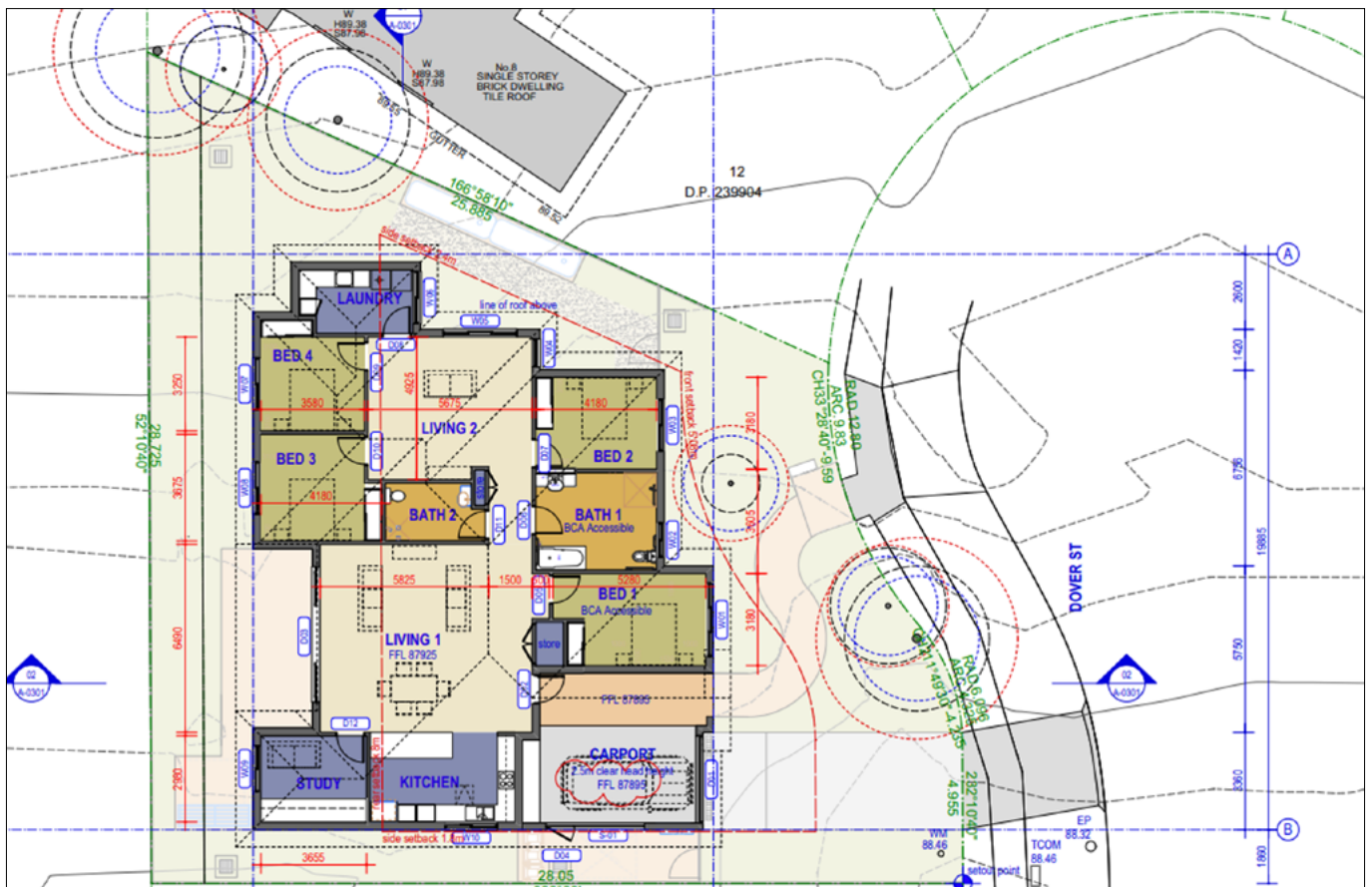
From our CEO continued

No. 4 Koorong Street will lead the way in the construction journey, with Dover Street following around three weeks behind. Earthworks have commenced, and Ronnie has the challenge to achieve completion before the new build next door, which commenced construction a few months ago.

Handover for both new houses is anticipated early in 2023.



Koorong Street



Dover Street

COVID-19 Update

Thankfully, the ongoing impact of COVID on Seton Villa has been small. Almost all residents have now received their 2nd Pfizer booster and as I write, we remain COVID free in the houses. We will continue to focus on our COVID prevention strategies to keep everybody safe and well.

NDIS Mid-term Certification Audit

Our NDIS Mid-term Certification Audit was undertaken on 25 and 26 August 2022, and our audit team were very excited to see the new houses (albeit remotely) and talk to selected residents about their experience of moving into their new SDA homes. This 'mini' audit focussed on Governance and Operational Management at Seton Villa, including 2 new NDIS Practice Standards on Mealtime Management and Individual Disaster and Emergency Management Plans. To the right is a photo of our new 'Disaster and Emergency Management Kit' that contains essential information and support items for the residents of each house that can be deployed immediately in the event of an emergency evacuation etc.

The initial feedback from the audit team has been extremely positive.



Strategic Planning for 2023-25

Now that we can see the finishing line for our Asset Redevelopment Project, the Seton Villa Board engaged in a strategic planning workshop on 10 August 2022 to begin to explore strategic directions for Seton Villa over the next three years.

Our planning consultants, IMPACT CO., have commenced distilling the outputs from the day, and I am keen to engage families and Persons Responsible in a consultation session to help confirm our thinking around "what's next for Seton Villa?"

I recently emailed you with an invitation to attend a consultation meeting with me from 2-3.30pm on Sunday 11 September 2022 at Elizabeth House. I am hoping for a good representation of families on the day, and it will be helpful to receive your RSVP in advance. Thank you to those families who have already replied.

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

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