

our NEWS

October
2022

From our Chairman



I can't believe we are nearly at the end of another year. The span of events this year has been incredible. It is hard to remember that we were still rolling back COVID restrictions for most of the first half of this year.

Our construction project continues apace despite the weather, and we remain confident that they will be completed to schedule. I can't wait to start the last home early next year.

Peter reports that he had an interesting and productive meeting with resident's families to discuss the direction of the next strategic plan - thank you to all those that attended. We will continue to work fleshing out more details over the next few months.

And finally, it is fantastic that this year we will be able to again gather at the Parents and Friends (PnF) Christmas lunch in early December. I look forward to catching up with you individually at the event.

Marco Colli
Chairman, Seton Villa

From our CEO

“Building our Bright Future” Status Report

Despite some rain disruption, construction of our next two new SDA houses is progressing well. I am pleased to announce the naming of Dover Street as ‘Spruce Cottage’ after the blue spruce tree that is a feature of the garden. Koorong Street will be named ‘Daffodil Cottage’ so you can imagine what the residents will be planting next winter in their garden. Framework is complete at both Koorong Street and Dover Street, with electrical services currently being installed. The roof sheeting is expected to be in place by early November 2022, which will reduce the impact of bad weather on our construction timeline.

Below: Koorong Street view from the front of the house.

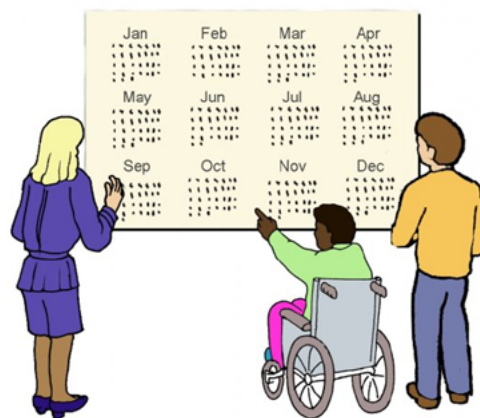


From our CEO continued

Drone view of Dover Street



The residents who will move into these new houses have been engaged in a consultation process around bedroom colours and are creating booklets about their move to their comfortable new homes.



Human Resources

I am delighted to introduce our two new House Managers, Katherine Plaza (left) Lavender Cottage House Manager and Elizabeth Ngandje Modjoko (right) Leia's Place House Manager. Both come to us with strong experience in managing group homes and we look forward to their valuable contribution to the Seton Villa Community. Katherine is also pursuing a nursing career, which has added extra confidence for Lavender Cottage staff as we welcomed Stephanie Brown into her new home.



Strategic Planning for 2023-25

Thank you to those families who were able to join me for a consultation session on Sunday 11 September 2022 regarding our future strategic directions. I shared our desire to leverage our developing expertise in the construction of Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) houses, and identify opportunities for new SDA developments in geographical areas of greatest need. We are also keen to diversify our accommodation type, and are giving consideration to a villa-style development, like the example below.

We are also exploring financing models, including partnerships with Impact Investors, and potential access to underutilised parcels of Catholic parish land. It is very early days, and I will keep you apprised of progress in this regard.

Additionally, we are exploring ways to build capacity and community engagement for our current residents through a small social enterprise that could produce goods to be sold at local community markets. This would not only increase community connection for residents but also build brand awareness for Seton Villa. We will further develop our thinking around this initiative in the New Year.



PnF Christmas Lunch
Saturday
3 December 2022

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