**HV Grapevine NEWS – 26 November 2014**

**URGENT NOTICE re AGM Friday 28 Nov.**

This notice is to update all residents on recent events relating to the AGM meetings to be held this Friday. I apologise for this late notice but hopefully you will appreciate the need for the content.

Unfortunately I have just returned from my fourth period of hospital confinement over the past month involving three heart operations and am now on strict rest and pain management at home. I therefore regret to advise that I will be unable to chair the two AGM meetings this week (Annual Accounts, Residents’ AGM). Graeme Lambert our Deputy Chairperson is also away all this week at a family wedding.

To address this unusual situation the other members of our Resident’s Committee, being inexperienced with chairing committees, approached Des Cousins to chair the two AGM meetings this Friday. We are all pleased that he has graciously accepted to do so and the Committee has resolved to appoint him to manage for those responsibilities this Friday.

Notwithstanding our absences (as movers/seconders of motions) the four motions can still proceed for your consideration at the AGM. However I do have some updated information on the security and refurnishing motions.

**Security:** The issue of security has been foremost in resident’s minds due to recent break-ins and theft within our village. Thankfully the culprits of the latest criminal occurrence have been apprehended. However the issue still needs to be addressed in a comprehensive way. The motion with notice before the AGM endeavours to provide both afterhours security to the Clubhouse and to extend Quokka Security monitoring service for up to 6 months in total. In addition a further motion without notice will be put to the meeting to consider adding to our security needs, the installation of two permanent cameras and recording/monitoring equipment in the clubhouse for a cost around $5000. The Manager will explain the background and quotes received at the AGM and Resident Committee (RC) members will speak for the motion.

**Refurnishing:** This motion unfortunately continues to cause controversy within the village as has the last two failed attempts. This is not unusual for it is obviously difficult to get agreement when so many persons are involved and the needs and desires of all the residents have to be considered. The May RGM motion provided no guidance or brief and yet on being passed it committed the RC to this process even against our own recommended alterative motion to defer the matter. The deferment was requested by the RC due to the short time since recent failed attempts and resourcing issues – human (RC workload) and financial (accumulate more capital to say $250k to expand project coverage).

Nevertheless the project has proceeded and many hours of work and meetings have been dedicated by me and the Village Manager in trying to progress the matter on behalf of all the residents. All our efforts have been dedicated to trying to get the best value for money and maximise the use of limited two storey facilities and above all to ensure that residents can collectively decide what they want by ensuring due process.

Lend Lease National Property and Lend Lease Building Services have also been engaged to help at times at no cost to the Village. All this was undertaken to just identify some broad needs then appoint a suitable qualified, well-resourced and relatively experienced interior designer consultant who could handle the entire project for us and to hold formal meetings with residents at each step (concept drawings/spatial layouts/ décor/ furnishings etc.) within a relatively small budget of $100k - $150k including fees and GST.

Both Deborah Searle and I wish to make it clear that we have no particular interest in the outcomes of the project other than to ensure that the all residents get the best outcomes possible. I intend to step down this Friday as Joint Project manager and hand over to the incoming committee.

We do however have the support of Lend Lease and since I circulated the AGM Agenda to you their Building Services Division have provided 5 alternative companies to approach to quote for this work and to get the project underway. You just have to decide on the brief as presented with the agenda papers (or as modified at the AGM) and get them to quote hence the pressing need for your participation in attending and voting at this meeting.

**Voting/Motions:** Please take the time to attend the meeting or if you are unable to attend then please complete the proxy form that was attached to your agenda papers (another one is appended hereto). Your vote is important on all four motions. If you don’t have a proxy for you to nominate then you can just nominate the chairperson and indicate your selections for each motion. Please be sure to have your proxy forms in to the Village Reception or the AGM Registration desk before the meetings that should start promptly at 2pm this Friday. Should you need any directions or assistance please don’t hesitate to contact Reception.

In closing may I say many thanks for allowing me the privilege of being your Chairman for the past 14 months. I have enjoyed it immensely and hopefully our RC team has made the Village a better place to live and enjoy your retirement years.

Alan Stirling Deborah Searle

R.C. Chairman Manager