



We apologise again for the delay in getting the newsletter out but as explained last time this is a very busy time for us but the good news is our membership continues to grow and we are probably the largest residential parks home owner association in Queensland and the second largest in the country after ARPRA in New South Wales.

On the 9 April we had the first meeting with our colleagues that make up the new national body of residential park homes owners. The basis of this new national body is the coming together of home owners under the various State residential parks associations from New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia. We are not yet sure of Tasmania and the Northern Territory because the residential parks industry in those two States seems less established but we are working on a connection if one exists. It's hard to imagine that the big money boys running the investment companies would overlook the easy pickings gained from residential parks pensioners in these two States.

The day long meeting took place in one of the conference rooms at the QANTAS Club at Sydney airport making it easier for us interstate delegates to fly in and fly out without further travel in Sydney itself.

Those in attendance:

Dr Gary Martin, NSW State President, Affiliated Residential Parks Residents Association (ARPRA)

Ms Leslie Wakeling, State Secretary (ARPRA)

Mr Glen Franklin, President (ARPQ)

Mr David Paton, Secretary (ARPQ)

Ms Judy Dewar, Treasurer and minute taker for the conference (ARPQ)

Ms Jill Edmonds, Secretary, Karalta Road Park home owners Inc NSW (expert on co-operatives)

Ms Shanny Gordon, Housing for the Aged Action Group Victoria (HAAG)

Mr Graham Howard, President of South Australian Residential Parks Park Association (SARPA)

Ms Chris Cairalle-Allen, Secretary (SARPA)

Ms Julia Lynch, President, Park home Owners Association WA Inc (PHOA)

Ms Julie Lee, Manager, Parks and Villages Service NSW (PAVS)

Mr Paul Smyth, Representative of Tenants Union of NSW, Legal Officer for Residential Parks.

As will be noted, the delegates in attendance covered just about every aspect of residential parks throughout Australia and we are glad they are a part of this new national body. We still have a lot of work to do but it seems that the new name for this national body will be the National Alliance of Residential Parks and Communities Inc (NARPAC).

We are still in discussion over membership ranking but it can be taken that members of the home owners associations mentioned will have an association membership of the national body automatically but as we have said, we still have a lot of work to do but rest assured it is all happening

David Paton  
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