

## Hello Members...

Twelve days into our North Island road trip, and I'm delighted by the response we've had.



Starting in New Plymouth, we had a wonderful meeting and now have small team to re-establish the region. Following on to Hamilton with a packed venue. Residents commented on the huge progress being made, dramatic increase in news / media coverage and the real impact the Association appears to be having at a national level.

Moving up to Auckland, Whangārei and Kerikeri where we had good turnouts and residents again commenting on the amount of work being done by the Association. Back to Auckland for a 150+ people meeting on the North Shore, and then through to Tauranga, Mt Maunganui and then Gisborne.

Similar themes across most meetings with questions around establishing resident committees, village managers not trained to run villages effectively and the recent media coverage, forum and select committee appearances.

My grateful thanks to all those that have attended or helped arrange venues. Looking forward to seeing those of you attending in Napier and Levin.



Brian Peat, National President



## RVR's Parliamentary Select Committee Submission...

If you have not yet seen the RVR's oral submission then you may view it online (if going via their facebook page it is currently the first video in the list or look for "August 10 at 10:07 AM"). NOTE: The first 2 mins is preamble which you may wish to skip.

URL: <https://www.facebook.com/SSC.SCNZ>

## View ALL Select Committee submissions related to the RVR's petition...

You can download and read all 18 of the submissions (as at 17.8.22) in response to the RVR's petition here. We have been advised that written submissions are now closed.

URL: [https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/submissions-and-advice/all?custom=PET\\_117842](https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/submissions-and-advice/all?custom=PET_117842)



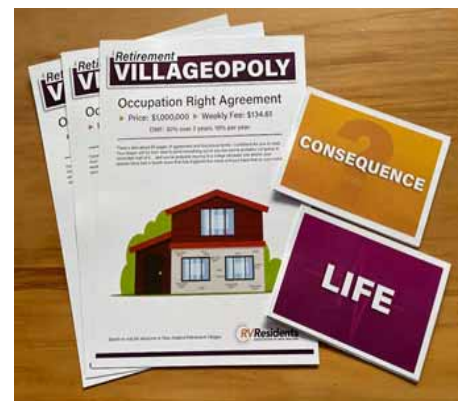
## NEW Members Magazine...

We are aiming to send out our first members magazine in conjunction with NZ's Best Villages and Care Magazine in Dec 2022. Suzi Brown is collating content and would be happy to hear from members with their ideas or stories that may be of interest to readers. Please contact her at : [media@agedadvisor.co.nz](mailto:media@agedadvisor.co.nz)

## Media Coverage on Retirement Village Residents...

There have been several articles over the past 4 weeks which have appeared in NZ Herald, National Business Review and Stuff. If you google "retirement village" and then the name of the news media you will find them.

The latest non-subscription article can be found by googling "Retirement Villageopoly".



Links (the underlined words in the email version) don't work with this printed version. If you have a computer (or a friend with a computer) then google the bold headings below or type in the URL. They have some excellent information.

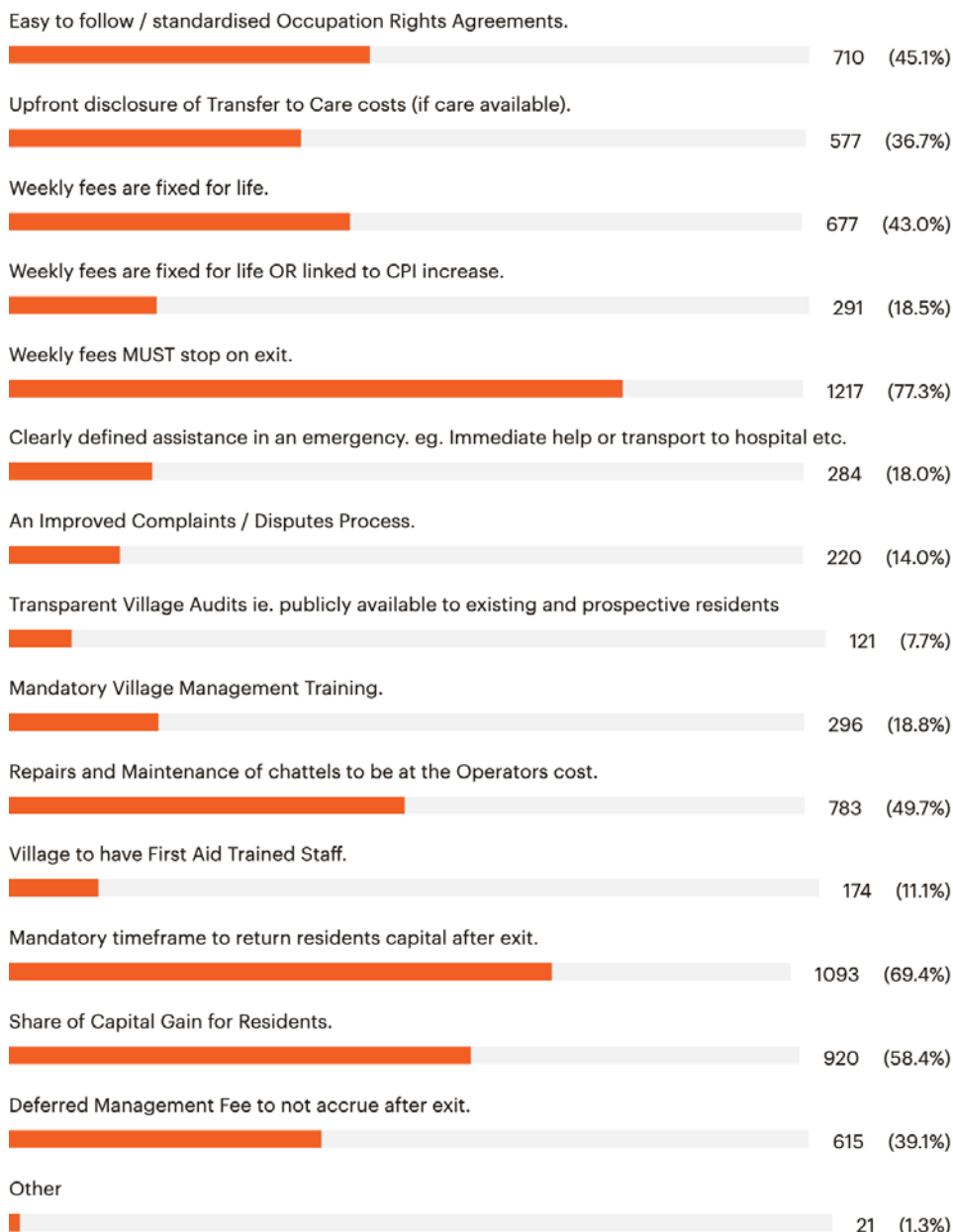
## RESULTS from the recent members "Top 5 things" survey...

Thank you to everyone that responded! Here are two of the results from our recent survey, the other three questions are shown in the Aug e-newsletter at <https://www.rvrnz.org.nz/community/#newsletters-reports>.

Interesting to note that some people were concerned that any changes applied **retrospectively** might have residents worse off. This is incorrect. Any law changes would set the **minimum requirements** and therefore would not override any existing terms that you have that are in your favour. Also, of note was that only 62.9% of respondents were sure they would not move out of their village if they could do so without being financially disadvantaged.

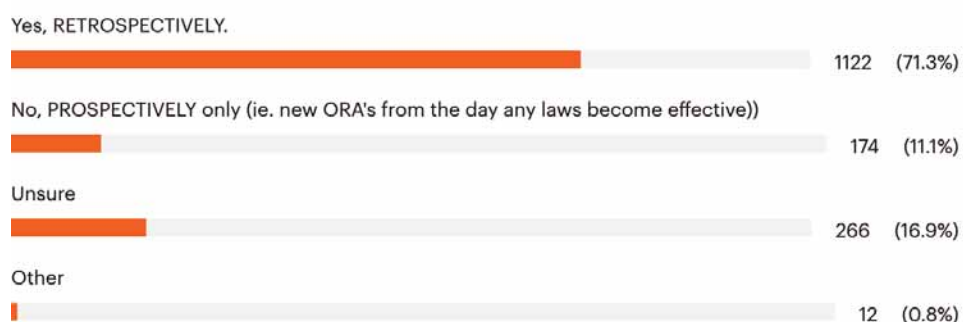
Q1 has 1574 answers (Checkboxes)

Select up to 5 of the following items that are MOST important to you, and that you would like to see changed as part of a legislative review.



Q4 has 1574 answers (Radio buttons)

Should any legislative changes apply RETROSPECTIVELY ie to existing ORAs as well as new?





## Retirement Commission's Forum REVIEW...

11 RVR representatives attended the Retirement Commissioners Forum on Wed 3 August. This was held at Parliament House and hosted by the Hon. Megan Woods. Attendees included MHUD officials, Dispute panellists, lawyers, Statutory Supervisors, Operators, the RVA, Consumer NZ, Grey Power, Aged Concern and other sector-related people. The key discussions were around:

1. Standardisation of ORAs (the agreement document you signed prior to moving in to your village)
2. Improving the current complaints and disputes process
3. Transfer to Care panel

The RVR was also invited to present. A copy of the presentation can be downloaded from Presentations (about ¾ down) <https://www.rvrnz.org.nz/community/>



## Membership

Thank you for supporting the work of RVResidents. Our membership sits at nearly 9000 residents from throughout New Zealand— which sends a very strong message to Government about residents wanting to have a voice and be heard.



If you are paying your **renewal** fees - Membership for the new financial year (1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023) will remain at:

>> **RENEWAL Annual Single \$20**

>> **RENEWAL Annual Couple \$30**

NEW MEMBERS will have a one-off \$10 Joining Fee per person, making it:

>> **NEW MEMBER Annual Single \$30**

>> **NEW MEMBER Annual Couple \$50**

Platinum\* (10 years) Membership is currently at:

>> **Platinum Single \$195 (for up to 10 years)**

>> **Platinum Couple \$295 (for up to 10 years)**

Platinum Memberships help us, and also allows you to **lock in the current annual rate** for 10 years (with a small discount).

**One payment and no annual renewal required until Apr 2032**

**NOTE: Our apologies if you are still waiting for your Platinum Cards, we are hoping to have these out by the end of this month**

If you wish to upgrade your membership from annual to Platinum (10 years) - then simply email [registrar@rvranz.org.nz](mailto:registrar@rvranz.org.nz)

If you're not able to pay or renew online then hopefully your village contact may be able to help, or you can post your renewal into us :

**RVANZ, C/- Private Bag 4707 Christchurch 8014**

Make sure to include your name and village

REMEMBER - Your membership is **VITAL** for improving village legislation and giving residents a voice and peace of mind. Thanks for being part of a nationwide organisation making a difference for retirement village residents.

*Village Contacts to complete...*

Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Village Contact is...

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_



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