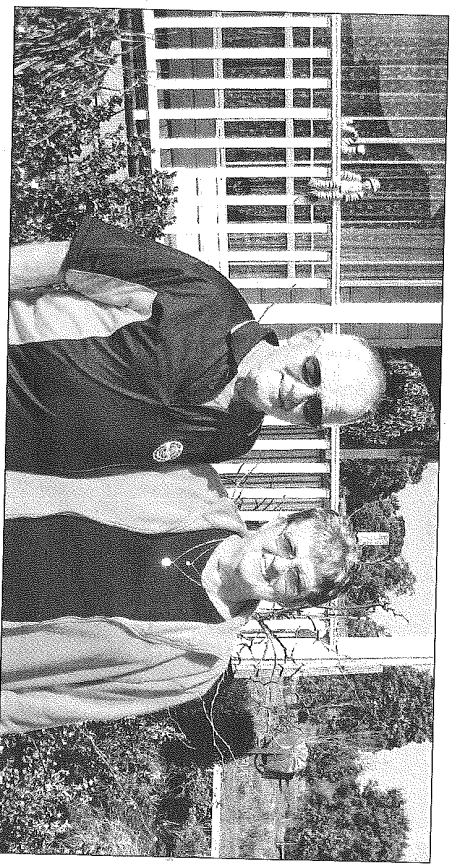


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New life for a new stage



WHEN Jim Moyle says he's ready to play sports for the last year, the thought of moving house had never crossed his mind. He and wife Lorraine had lived in their Warragul home for 45 years and had no reason to move.

But by the time he reached home that day he had found a very good reason.

Jim had played bowls at the Lifestyle Village in Warragul at that age, following the chance to look through some homes.

Impressed by the landscaped streets lined with Federation-style homes, and the protected habitat reserve which meanders through the village, he decided to take up the offer. Jim soon found himself back at home showing Lorraine pictures of the village.

"I thought of living in a lifestyle village had never entered my head," said Lorraine.

"But when I came and had a look for myself, my heart told me I had to come here. I fell in love with it straight away."

The couple's three children had a look around the village and were impressed.

But Lorraine soon put their heads in the market. They moved into the village six months later.

Lorraine says they couldn't be happier.

"I love it. All my neighbours are lovely and the village management is excellent, and so helpful," she said.

She says she enjoys the indoor heated pool and other facilities including the gym, bowling green and tennis courts.

The village has a clubhouse where residents enjoy happy hours, barbecues and morning teas, or to welcome newcomers. There are many activities available such as day trips, line dancing, bingo and crafts.

"There's a dance on tonight," said Lorraine.

But I don't join in everything. Like my own privacy as well."

Even the quality of the village and the facilities offered to homes are surprising at a price starting at \$199,900.

Lifestyle Communities

Very happy: Jim and Lorraine sold their family home of 45 years to move into Lifestyle Village.

operates villages in Melton, Tarnet, Cranbourne and Shepparton.

Residents enjoy a newfound sense of financial security. With money left over from the sale of their previous house, and their

new home requiring very little maintenance, they experience a freeing up of both time and money.

"I wasn't a hard decision for me because when I came to see it, I knew this is where we wanted to be," Lorraine

says. The couple feel secure in the village. "There is a great fit from what I looked over," she says.

Lorraine: "It's great."

Lifestyle Communities director Dael Perlov says Lorraine and Jim's

comments reflect many he has heard at the villages.

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Lifestyle choices for today's Over 50s

It's no secret that for most Australians, home is where the heart is.

We're a house-proud nation, and not just when it comes to appearances. The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) reports that the proportion of owner-occupied dwellings has remained at around 70 percent for many decades.

Yet as we move into our 50s and 60s circumstances and priorities tend to change.

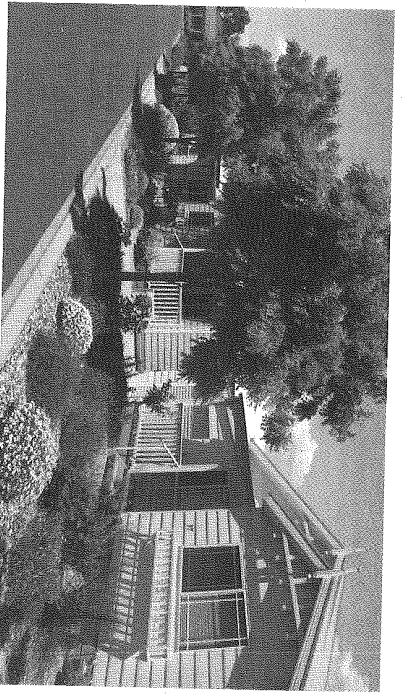
The home you bought as a young married couple may no longer suit. Owning a large family home can also tie up capital and restrict choices.

At this stage of life, children have typically moved out of the family home and the focus shifts more towards recreation, friends, travel and family time.

In the past, householders wishing to change their lifestyle had limited choices:

1. Remain in your house, with all the ongoing maintenance responsibilities and costs that this entails.

2. Sell your house and downsize to a smaller house, unit or flat. Changeover costs such as stamp duty are typically involved, as are continuing ongoing expenses such as council rates and body corporate fees.



3. Sell your house and move into a traditional retirement village. While this is a good option for some, for many people it's not the sort of accommodation or lifestyle they're looking for.

Thankfully companies like Lifestyle Communities have changed all this with affordable resort communities designed specifically for active, independent older Australians.

Anything's possible at Lifestyle Communities

There is now increasing demand for more affordable lifestyle options ideally suited to those

looking for a low-maintenance lifestyle within their budget.

"A Lifestyle Communities village helps people achieve their dreams and live the hassle-free lifestyle they've been looking for," says Dael Perlov, Director Lifestyle Communities.

"Residents free up their money and time, and many reward themselves with the things that matter to them most, whether that's a new car or boat, overseas travel or simply spending quality time with family and friends."

"Everyone can live their dream lifestyle in a Lifestyle Communities

village and that includes your pet. All of our villages combine resort facilities with stylish new fully landscaped homes. They offer the ideal blend of freedom and lifestyle in many locations across Victoria – Tarnet, Warragul, Melton, Shepparton and Cranbourne – all at an affordable price." Mr Perlov says.

The right move for right now

Residents such as Kevin and Rosemary made the move to the Lifestyle Seasons village in Tarnet and they couldn't be happier.

They purchased a brand new home with all the mod cons, and

decorated it to suit their tastes.

The price also included landscaping around their home such as fencing, paths, clothesline and a carport with its own garden shed.

Kevin and Rosemary enjoy free access to a wide range of village facilities, including a championship lawn bowling green, gymnasium, and heated indoor pool and spa. Then there's the impressive clubhouse with outstanding facilities for your private use including home theatre, computers with internet access, dance floor, billiard room, entertaining areas and warming kitchen.

Kevin loves the fact that with his Lifestyle Seasons home, time-consuming garden maintenance is a thing of the past. Rosemary, meanwhile, has taken on the role of secretary of the Lifestyle Seasons Social Club.

"I encourage anyone seeking an independent and active lifestyle to find out more about what we offer," says Mr Perlov. "There's never been a better time to secure your future and join a vibrant, welcoming community."

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