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Future's green for retirees

FINANCIAL security and staying active are the most important concerns for Victorian seniors, a new survey has found.

In the lead-up to the Victorian Seniors Festival, a Newspoll found 50 per cent of Victorians aged over 50 were concerned about their financial security in retirement, while more than two-thirds (68 per cent) said they were concerned about their health and well-being.

Larry and Crystal Downs have turned to lawn bowls to maintain their healthy lifestyle since moving into Lifestyle Seniors Community in Tarnet.

"We moved into the village about 16 months ago and we were keen to show everyone how fun it could be."

Meanwhile, Consumer Affairs Victoria acting director Geoff Browne said it was an ideal time to remind seniors to get savvy about scammers.

"While some scams are well known there are sections of our community, like our seniors, who may not spot a scam and will fall for it.

"If you need work done on your house, shop around and get a couple of quotes. Don't hand over any money for a deposit until you are satisfied that your chosen tradesperson has the skills and professionalism to do the job properly."

— Dan O'Sullivan



Sill having fun: Residents like Crystal Downs and Graeme Christie are keen to remain active. Picture: Cathy Jackson