

Election of RRVV officers and ordinary members - Nominee profiles

The following profiles give you an insight into the people who are nominating for the committee at the resumption of RRVV's 2023 AGM (on 30 October 2023).

Lawrie Robertson – Nominee for President

I served on my village's residents' committee for three years, joined the RRVV committee, served as vice president for eighteen months, and have been president for seven years.

My career included financial planning, management consulting, marketing management, lecturing in business administration, telecommunications engineering, and serving as an officer in the Army, including a one-year tour of duty in Vietnam.

In addition to my range of responsibilities as president, I support residents in disputes with operators, and lobby governments and the sector's peak bodies.

Helen Betros – Nominee for Vice President

My name is Helen Betros. I moved to Classic Residences in 2010.

I hold both legal and teaching qualifications. Prior to retiring in 2018, I worked in education, human resources, industrial relations, alternative dispute resolution and law.

I was secretary of the Classic Residents' Committee in 2020/2021 and chair in 2022/2023 and part of 2023/2024. I have been involved with the Residents of Retirement Villages Victoria for around 12 months.

I am standing to ensure the interests and concerns of retirement village residents are heard, understood, and represented.

Charles Adams – Nominee for general committee member

I am nominating for a role on RRVV's committee because I want more people to benefit from life in a retirement village. That will require a radical change in the Act.

Dianne Embry – Nominee for general committee member

In 2022 we moved to the Grace Albert Park Lake and this year I have served as Co-chair of the residents' committee.

For the later 20 years of my career, I was employed as CEO of several not-for-profit organisations spanning social justice, community services, aged care, and a state peak body. It was in this capacity that I truly appreciated the value of advocacy and a collective voice. Additionally, I have served on various Boards, most recently with an aged and disability care organisation.

I value RRVV's work and am standing to help continue its role in advancing the interests and amplifying the concerns of retirement living residents.

Kaye Graham – Nominee for general committee member

I retired as a Primary School teacher in 2008 and moved into a retirement village.

I joined RRVV very soon after and nominated for the Committee 5 years ago. I have a particular interest in the review of the Retirement Villages Act.

I have enjoyed working towards the benefit of all village residents. I encourage more members to join us on the committee to further our contact with retirement villages and our members.

Pauline Niels – Nominee for general committee member

I am a retired nurse who has worked in aged care for over twenty years. I managed an aged care facility for the last ten years and for fourteen years served in a non-Government organisation in various roles.

I am currently president of the Saffron Grove Village residents' committee and RRVV RLO.

I joined the RRVV committee in 2021 and look forward to continuing as a general committee member to support RRVV members.