



# Newsletter

PARK HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION of WA Inc

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## WORKING HARD ON THE MESSAGE

PHOAWA has been busy lately getting the message out to the powers that be about the need for greater support for park residents. Simon Watt from Woodman Point CP did a superb job on ABC TV and made it clear that the rules are there but need following up. This interview led to a contact from Gary Adshead of ABC's Drive Program and Terry Hinchliffe backed up with the same message. PHOAWA has recently written to MLAs who have Discovery Parks in their electorates expressing disappointment that the supply charge is still being disputed by an Eastern States company with some positive responses. Terry Hinchliffe (Chair) and Tony Little (Vice Chair) met with the Minister for Commerce Tony Buti and received a good hearing in our case for a more proactive role for Consumer Protection.

All in all, it has been a busy time, but the feedback and feeling we have been getting is that people are listening. If you are one of those residents who still does not have a lease, start action NOW and request one. It is your right. It is the park operator's legal obligation. It is the starting point for all determinations.

## PROPOSAL FOR PHOAWA RESTRUCTURE

**Purpose:** This proposal addresses two problems we have in the organisation at present.

1. Our membership is spread across a wide area of the state, from Albany through Busselton/Bunbury, Peel, South and North Metropolitan area and a few in areas north of Perth. This makes attendance at meetings difficult for some people.

2. The PHOAWA Board is lacking members at present. The main purpose in having a larger Board is to increase the range of opinions and gathering of knowledge about issues facing our members.

### Proposal:

1. PHOAWA will encourage the establishment of Regional Groups, to facilitate information sharing and communication for members residing outside the Perth Metropolitan area. Groups might be established in the South West, Peel, Great Southern, Midwest, Perth South and Perth North.

2. Regional Groups would have a coordinator, whose main function would be to coordinate meetings. These would be

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wed 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025

Wilson Community Hall, 40 Braibrise St, Wilson

Starts at 11:00am

ZOOM MEETING AVAILABLE

Contact Ken Wilson on 0420208601 or email phoawa@gmail.com to book a ZOOM Meeting

fairly casual in nature and would mainly serve as a forum to allow people to raise issues of concern. Issues could be fed back through the coordinator to the Board. If required, a Board member would make themselves available for meetings via Zoom to help and answer questions posed by attendees.

3. Regional Coordinators would be Board members and so contribute to feedback and discussion that drives the overall actions of PHOAWA. Board Meetings will be conducted via Zoom.

4. The Board would also undertake to provide some training to interested people in Regional areas to understand the important features of the Residential Parks Long Stay Tenancy Act to assist groups in giving advice.

At this stage, the proposal is nothing more than thinking on paper but I believe our organisation must evolve if we are to better serve the needs of the population of park residents across our state. Taking on a role of a Regional Coordinator would require nothing more than a desire to help others, ensure fairness and communicate via electronic means. I believe it could be a very rewarding role.

## DON'T FORGET THE WEB SITE

Many of the questions asked of PHOAWA have answers on our web site. The Resources page is your go to place for answers about electricity, water, disputes, leases, PLCs, Park Rules and much, much more.

<https://www.parkhomeownerswa.com.au/resources>

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