Live life to the fullest in a friendly retirement village

In a recent survey conducted by Savvy, it has been revealed that 91.6 per cent of Australians believe that housing prices are becoming 'unaffordable' in the current market.

Almost a third of respondents are 'very worried' that the current housing market is out of the reach of ordinary Australians.

This correlates with data from the Real Estate Institute of Victoria's December quarter report, which showed that the median house price in 2021 grew 27 per cent.

With these prices skyrocketing and making purchasing a home more difficult for first-home buyers, many older people are being pushed out of the market.

This is where the benefits of retirement living comes in. First home buyers generally can't get into retirement villages – unless they are purchasing their first home as a senior citizen.

There are a myriad of positives to living in a retirement community. Extensive security measures including gates, vigilant neighbors, security cameras and keycards will put your mind at ease. Many retirement communities possess onsite medical services including nursing staff and GPs, as well as self care services such as hairdressers and nail artists.

Facilities also often include a pool and spa, gym room and multi purpose room. There is also the opportunity to meet new people with similar interests and values. Activities such as lawn bowls, golf, bridge and craft groups meet regularly at retirement communities and can make life far more rewarding and inclusive.

The federal government has recently made changes to super provisions that may result in an easier path into the market for downsizers.

Coming into force on July 1, the changes are contained within the Treasury Laws Amendment (Enhancing Superannuation Outcomes for Australians and Helping Australian Businesses Invest) Bill 2021.

These updates change the rules for existing programs currently in place for Aussies nearing retirement age wanting to use proceeds from the sale of the family home to top up their super balance.

The bill also reduces the eligibility age at which someone can make downsizer contributions into their superannuation from 65 to 60 years old, with certain conditions needing to be met.

If you're looking to downsize your home but keep living life to the fullest, consider retirement facilities in your community today.

Retirement communities are a fun and easy way to maintain your independence and security while downsizing. (iStock)

Enjoy a comfortable entertainment experience at Raiders Bingo in Breakwater. (Supplied)

I'll go if you go to bingo

Offering afternoon and evening sessions seven-days-a-week, Raiders Bingo is your one-stop-shop for a relaxing gaming experience in Breakwater.

Welcoming players of all ages and abilities, Raiders Bingo is an accessible centre with the latest bingo technology and equipment.

Bookings aren't required to play at this modern venue, decked out with comfortable seating, heating and cooling systems and ample parking spaces.

Incorporating the best possible hospitality services, including free tea and coffee as well as full canteen facilities, Raiders Bingo offers well-priced books and games, with the opportunity to win great prize money.

Whether you play traditional paper bingo or delve into the world of paperless bingo, staff at Raiders are friendly, helpful, professional and are always happy to assist or answer questions.

Raiders Bingo is a registered not-for-profit business, with all profits directed to the Geelong and District Football and Netball League, investing funds back into the local community.

Raiders Bingo is a COVID-safe not-for-profit organization that directs all funds back to the local community. (Supplied)

For an entertaining, COVID-safe activity in the Geelong area, head to Raiders Bingo for a fun time to be had with family and friends, and to make new pals as well.

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