

WHAT IS A HOME OWNERS COMMITTEE

The Manufactured Homes (Residential Parks) Act 2003 provides certain protections for home owners under their Site Agreement. The Act allows home owners to establish a Home Owners Committee within their Residential Park and its purpose is to deal with the Park Owner (or its representative such as the Park Manager) on behalf of home owners about:

- The day to day running of the Park;
- Any complaint or proposal about the operation of the Park raised by home owners.

Other functions include:

- Providing a voice for all home owners in dealing with the park owner without the stress and anxiety often associated with face-to-face meetings;
- Assist home owners with the presentation of submissions for any request, proposal, or complaint to the park owner;
- Work collaboratively with, and in the best interests of all home owners in the park;
- Promote communications between home owners and the park owner;
- Provides regular updates to the home owner community, informing them of changes in legislation and the outcome of meetings with the park owner and park manager.

Only one Home Owners Committee can be established for each Residential Park; however a Social Committee can be established within a Park with its own elected officers and constitution to organise social activities and control their own funds.

Members of the HOC hold office for no more than one year but may be re-elected following the issuing of Nomination Forms and, if required, Ballot Papers to allow voting by home owners through a secret ballot monitored by a Returning Officer.

Additional information

Over the years it has become popular to refer to a Residential Park as a Lifestyle Resort and, more recently, a Land Lease Community. Vantage by AVID identifies their Residential Parks as Communities and their Park Managers as Community Managers.

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