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PREVIOUS  
CHAIRPERSON OF  
THE WARRINA HOMES  
BOARD

Appropriate for this time of the year, I consider that we have just had Easter where we remember the suffering

and death of Christ and His resurrection. Where we reflect on our Messiah freeing us from our sins, saving us and giving us life, eternal life.

It is also been ANZAC Day, where we remember the fallen and those who served us in many wars and conflicts. We also remember those people who serve on the frontline in civilian life as firefighters, SES volunteers, and the doctors, nurses and paramedics who have served us diligently throughout this recent pandemic.

Soon it will be Mother's Day and we remember our mothers and those who looked after us. Whenever it is Mother's Day, I not only remember my mother and mother-in-law, but inevitably I think of Warrina Homes. This is where they and my father-in-law spent their final years being cared for, and where they died peacefully.

Warrina Homes has been part of my life since we came to Adelaide as a family when I was in my late teens. Just before I went to University to study medicine, we joined the Campbelltown Christian Reformed Church and the first cottages had been built. Hearing about Warrina Homes became part of regular conversation around church activities and in our home as my parents befriended Colin Biemond, who had been a

childhood friend of my father, and Herman van Loon. They were the driving force behind the establishment of Warrina Homes.

I was encouraged by Herman van Loon to join the Board in the late 1980s after I had completed my specialist psychiatric training. I remained on the Board until I retired and moved to Tasmania at the end of 2020. I had taken on various roles and the last period was spent as Chairperson. Throughout my time on the Board, I felt privileged to serve Warrina Homes.

This was the period that most of the development took place. The building of Warrina Park's Residential Aged Care facility and Serviced Apartments, the upgrading of Warrina Court's Residential Aged Care facility, and the establishment of many of the Retirement Villages. It was an exciting time with many challenges. Despite this, over the years the focus was always on providing the best care in a Christian setting. I was always influenced and governed by my goal of providing the care I would wish my family to receive.

Warrina Homes has been a significant part of my life, not only because my mother lived there for over 25 years, but because it allowed me to use my professional knowledge and skills in a Christian setting to serve the community. It was a privilege to serve in this way and oversee the development of this wonderful place.

My prayer is that Warrina Homes will continue to be a place where people toward the end of their life journey, will receive the very best holistic care in a loving Christian environment.

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WARRINA HOMES  
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