



Warrina
HOMES

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I was invited to join the board of the fledgling Warrina Homes in the early 1970s.

After we had finished building the Reformed Church in Hill Street, people were looking out for a way to serve the community as a Christian church. Many of us came from a Dutch background and had grown used to working together and sharing significant aspects of our lives together. Providing seniors' accommodation in a Christian context seemed an appropriate project to become involved in.



Led by the inspiring vision of Herman van Loon and Kees (later Colin) Biemond, and guided by the accountancy skills of Martin van der Wal the project got underway. There was lots of learning about working with government departments and accessing appropriate funds. Additionally, we had to find the first group of residents who would provide seed capital with their contributions toward the first cottages to be built. A very keen early resident was a Church Member, Mrs Postumus. She may have been borderline to qualify on the basis of age when we first started, but her needs were very much front of mind in getting things underway.

It was encouraging to see one group of units become two. Then extra land became available – for example on the opposite side of Hill Street which had been a market garden growing celery as I remember. I left Adelaide at the end of 1979 but continued to be kept in touch with developments – I remember when the hostel was built and there was a water feature of a Dutch windmill made be Herman van Loon.

So much has been done in 50 years and many people have been blessed by that early vision of a God honouring community project.

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