

November 5, 2009

Dear Church member/College family,

I am writing this letter to all of the members of the two aforementioned groups, in order to put straight some of the many erroneous and uninformed viewpoints that have been printed in local newspapers recently.

Many of you would be aware that over the past several weeks, the Macarthur Chronicle and one journalist in particular, have sought to bring clarity to the unresolved retirement village development adjacent to our property, but in doing so have also attempted to bring into question the integrity and ethics of both the Church and College, and their associated Directors.

It is the position of both boards of Directors that much of the content of the said articles has been inflammatory, inaccurate, misleading and full of negative inference.

We take umbrage at the suggestion that the Church or College, or the respective representatives, have acted, do act or ever will act in a manner which is under-handed, deceitful or not in the very best interests of the families which they serve.

The unfortunate scarcity of factual information in the recent newspaper articles combined with the clear intent on behalf of the journalist involved to cast a suspicious shadow on the character of both organisations may have caused unsettledness in some of our families.

For this reason I have sought to bring truth and therefore calm to this situation by presenting you with substantive factual content.

Fact 1 - The Director's of both the Church and College have a long history of extremely prudent financial and legal management of both organisations. These prudent practices continue in the present.

Fact 2 - Neither the Church nor the College are responsible for any 'missing millions' as was deviously suggested in one of the newspaper articles.

Fact 3 - At no time has the Church or College had any involvement in the failed development known as the retirement village by way of partnership, joint venture or any other formal association.

Fact 4 - Contrary to the suggestion of particular, uninformed individuals, the Church has never at any point in time been in possession of the development known as the retirement village.

Fact 5 - It is entirely inaccurate to suggest that the Directors of either organisation, historically or presently have been in a position to use their place on company boards or indeed the organisations themselves, to benefit in a personal financial arrangement.

Fact 6 - Neither the Church or College have ever been guilty of standing in the way of the completion of the retirement village development, or being unreasonable in any way whilst attempting to cooperate with associated bodies, companies or entities involved in the development project.

Fact 7 - Both the Church and College and the respective Directors stand as willing as ever to play an active role in seeing the appropriate completion of the development works in accordance with all previously established agreements.

It is my hope that this letter will serve to bring some insight into the formal response of both the Church and College in regards to recent public questioning in local newspapers. It is my desire that the families of our Church and College are able to move forward in a manner that is free from the distraction of unfounded suspicion and innuendo.

If after reading this letter, you still have questions, I would invite you to forward them directly in writing to myself. I have requested that no staff in either organisation put unnecessary pressure on themselves by attempting to answer questions that are beyond the scope of their present knowledge on the subject. I am asking for your cooperation in complying with this process by ensuring any further questions are forwarded to my office directly.

Please allow me to assert the continued commitment that we have to serving the families of our Church and College in the very best way we can.

Yours Sincerely,



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