

Advice on all aspects of retirement living

Europa on Alma's Retirement Living Masterclass next month will look at financials, contracts and downsizing.

Living in a house comes with all kinds of challenges - from the little things, such as checking the letterbox and remembering to put the rubbish out on the right night, to more labour-intensive and time-consuming tasks such as mowing, gardening, repairs and maintenance.

Imagine sailing through automatic doors to be greeted by a smiling concierge, who can hand you your mail and book those concert tickets you want, then continuing through a foyer that looks like the lobby of a high-end hotel before taking the lift to your architect-designed apartment.

There are no gutters to clean or fences to fix, but there is a Gold Class-inspired cinema to relax in and a rooftop Sky Lounge where you can enjoy a sundowner with friends, with a stunning skyline and bay views as your backdrop.

Retirement can be a luxurious way of living, where older Australians are freed from the constraints of traditional home ownership to enjoy an amenity-rich environment that supports a socially engaged and enjoyable lifestyle.

That's the case at Europa on Alma. Located conveniently close to both the city and St Kilda Beach, this mid-rise premium retirement community of 81 apartments has been designed by Bolton Clarke for independent, active people aged 65-plus.



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Living in such a community can offer so much more to residents, in terms of facilities, services and social support, but it also means that buying into a retirement community can be a little more complex than a standard property transaction.

This is why Bolton Clarke is hosting a Retirement Living Masterclass on-site at 11am on Thursday, May 2, says Europa on Alma sales manager Christopher Wilson.

"We're going to have retirement living experts give you a crash course on retirement financials, retirement contracts and the best way to approach downsizing," he says. "The financial expert is Shaun Ganguly from Prime Age Adviser, a fully

qualified financial adviser working specifically in the retirement living space, who will be enlightening people with his words of wisdom."

Providing insights into the legal side of things will be lawyer Jessica Kinnear from Moores - a firm of accredited specialists in property law.

"Jessica has specialised in retirement living for a number of years, advising both residents and operators, so is fully au fait with the retirement living legislation in Victoria and can offer advice around the contractual aspects," Wilson says.

Then, offering tips on the physical act of downsizing, will be speakers from relocation



experts Classic Moves. "They understand the emotional and physical toll of moving home, so will provide guidance on the best approach and the types of things you need to take into consideration," Wilson says.

While Europa on Alma offers enviable lifestyle conveniences, including a gym, library, artists' studio and conservatory-style dining room - not to mention the cinema and Sky Lounge - as a Bolton Clarke development, it also offers access to additional age-appropriate care services through its At Home Support services.

"If and when residents need some additional support, we can easily arrange that," Wilson says. "In the meantime, we've also got our new cafe, Pini & Co, on ground level, so residents and their friends and family can socialise over a latte with lunch."

As he says, every single aspect of Europa on Alma "has been designed for you to continue living independently".

People considering retirement community living should seek professional, independent financial and legal advice.

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